

THE COLONIST WISHES YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

VILE EVE IS MARKED BY CASUALTIES

Several Motor Accidents Occur in Preholiday Rush of Traffic on Christmas Eve

THREE PEOPLE ARE IN HOSPITAL

Two Other Persons Are in Care of Doctors—Miraculous Escape of Hindu Driver

THREE people are in hospital, two are at home under doctor's attention, two have suffered minor injuries, two cars are overturned, others are damaged and the sum total of seven accidents that occurred in the city yesterday.

Those in the hospital are: Mr. Frank Noel, St. Joseph's Hospital; Mrs. M. J. Brown, of 1010 Balmoral road, Jubilee Hospital; William Walsh, 1648 Fell Street, Jubilee Hospital.

Those under doctors' care are: Mrs. J. S. Tignusey, 2184 Guernsey street, and Mrs. Casey, of Selkirk avenue.

A Hindu, named Masah Sing, had when he collided head on with a street car. All the injuries he sustained received attention at the Selkirk First Aid room.

COLLISION ON QUADRA STREET

The first accident occurred at 2:50 p.m. at the corner of Quadra and Broughton streets. A car driven by C. Morrison, 35 Burnside road, north on Quadra street, collided with a car driven east on Balmoral road by Mr. W. Marshall, of 438 Superior street.

As a result of this collision Mrs. J. Brown, of 1010 Balmoral road, who was crossing Quadra street from the northeast corner, was struck down and taken to the Jubilee Hospital with head and leg injuries. She was attended to by Dr. W. T. Holmes. Constables Arthur Bishop and Benjamin Acreman attended the accident.

The next one occurred at 4:45 p.m. at the corner of Belmont and Pembroke streets. Mr. James Clegg, of James Island, driving east on Pembroke street, collided with a car driven by Mr. Robert Knight, 1752 Second street, west on Pembroke street, and turning south to Belmont avenue. Both cars were badly damaged, and the driver of the Knight car, Constable Bishop and Acreman responded.

At 5:55 p.m., Mr. J. S. Tignusey, of 184 Guernsey street, Oak Bay, telephoned to the police that he had knocked down his wife and Mrs. Casey, of Selkirk avenue, on Shotbolt's Hill, just east of the Poiré car terminus. The car had not stopped, he reported. The two women were taken home. Dr. Noel attended to them.

ESCAPES BY MIRACLE

Masah Sing miraculously escaped death when he collided with a street car on Douglas street at 6:17 p.m. yesterday, only to be placed in jail after a charge of driving his truck while intoxicated.

Sing was driving north on Douglas street when he collided with a street car. He was taken to the hospital, but escaped death. He was later released on bail.

Called in Illness of King and Primate

SIR HUGH MALLINS RIGBY, permanent secretary of the House of Commons, who performed the very delicate operation on King George, which has brought relief to his Majesty, and high hopes for his ultimate recovery, Sir Hugh yesterday was also called to the bedside of the new Archbishop of Canterbury, who had suddenly been taken ill.

ROYAL FAMILY ALL TO UNITE ON CHRISTMAS

Three Young Grandchildren Will Be Present and Will See Plum Pudding Brought In in State

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Christmas was preceded in London today by a threat of rain, instead of the traditional frost, and for the first time in ten years the Royal Standard flew over Buckingham Palace instead of Sandringham, the royal family's favorite home for the Yuletide holidays. Otherwise the season was normal, with the last mad rush of Christmas shopping, and with railway terminals jammed by Londoners headed for the country and country folk headed for London.

There were no regrets among the members of the royal household that they were not going to the country this year, as happiness over the favorable turn in the King's illness obliterated all other considerations. For the Queen and her family, every member of which now is with her, the day will be one of thanksgiving rather than festivity.

GRANDCHILDREN THERE

Although the celebration in Buckingham Palace will be quiet, the royal grandchildren—Princess Elizabeth, Master George Lascelles and his brother, Master Gerald—were expected to bring much merriment in the family gathering. A big stack of wooly bears, dolls, toys and games, together with useful presents were in the blue room.

The Prince of Wales, the Duke and Duchess of York, Princess Mary and Viscount Lascelles, the Duke of Gloucester and Prince George will be together with the Queen around the family dinner table. The menu, it is indicated, will be typically British, with York ham and prime beef preceding the roast turkey, which were sent to the King by his tenants in Norfolk. The children will be allowed in the room to see the great, highly-decked plum pudding as it is borne to the table, ablaze in blue flames of brandy.

The public rush of the capital will be a bit stronger than usual this year. Many delayed departure until assured of a betterment in the condition of the King. More than 100 special trains departed today. There was a big exodus to the Continent also. Some of the big planes of the air lines were decorated with Yuletide festoons in the cabins, so that a curious mixture of the old fashioned and ultra modern was witnessed at the airports.

Mining Broker Gives Donation To Cathedral

Mr. Malcolm Stobie, president of Stobie, Forlong & Company, Limited, one of Canada's largest mining houses, which has been instrumental in the development of British Columbia mineral resources, has contributed a gift of \$1,000 to the new Christ Church Cathedral fund through Mr. R. S. Mabee, who made the announcement yesterday.

This donation by the senior member of Canada's leading mining house, is but another magnificent gift to this wonderful work and the advancement of God's kingdom in providing a cathedral for the common good of all. Mr. Mabee stated.

THE WEATHER

Victoria and Vicinity: Strong winds or gales, mostly south and east, unsettled and mild with rain.

Sun Rises: 8:04 o'clock.
Sun Sets: 4:23 o'clock.
High Tide: 12:02 p.m., 10:5 feet.
Low Tide: 8:24 p.m., 0.4 feet.

Deep-Sea Shipping

Arrivals—Kaga Maru, from Orient, in evening.

Sport

Victoria Cubs will battle Seattle this afternoon. Packed home expected to see them in action. Win for local crew will place them in tie for leadership.

Saturday and Wednesday League soccer teams will meet this morning in first game of Ansonia Cup series.

Human psychology may bring back Dempsey to ring. Trumbull says.

The News

Local and Provincial—Greater Victoria building for year exceeds value of \$2,500,000. Reverted land sales show big increase. Beatrice is sold to new owners. Premier Tolmie returns; several good results secured. Dominion, Imperial and Foreign—King continues to improve slowly.

THREE FIRMS SEEK DALLAS HOTEL SITE

Max Johnsen, of Seattle, Would Reconstruct Building on Waterfront as Fish Packing Plant

PIANO COMPANY HOLDS OPTION

Brilliant Tube Company Also Wants Hotel for Establishment of Its Tube Factory

THREE industries are making a bid for the Dallas Hotel, which belongs to the city through reversion. The B.C. Piano Manufacturing Company, Ltd., already has an option on it and can exercise that option before January 1. The Brilliant Tube Company, Ltd., of Victoria, has asked the city to place a price on the old hotel. The third offer received for the property was filed at the City Hall yesterday by Mr. Max Johnsen, well-known fish packer, of 3043 1st Avenue, Seattle.

Mr. Johnsen offers to pay \$250 for the hotel and establish a fish packing plant there, employing twenty-five women and five men at the start. He also offers to start reconstruction on the building so as to be prepared to handle the 1929 fishing pack. His offer will be considered by the industrial committee, of which Alderman H. O. Litchfield is chairman.

The Brilliant Tube Sign Company has asked the city to place a price on the building. They are anxious to establish a tube manufacturing plant here in connection with their Neon gas sign business, which has increased considerably during the past twelve months and now runs.

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Facing Army of Rebels

KING Amanulla and Queen Souriya of Afghanistan are stated to have moved their court to Kandahar from Kabul, the capital, where they were attacked by a rebel army. The rebels are said now to be losing ground. Women and children were transferred by airplane from the British legation at Kabul to Peshawar, India.

Lieutenant-Governor and Mayor Extend Season's Greetings to Community

"I GLADLY avail myself of the opportunity of wishing one and all 'A Happy Christmas', a Christmas rendered all the happier by the comforting news of His Gracious Majesty's progress and the cheering prospect of his complete restoration.

"The passing year has taken its toll. Their names and deeds will live in our memories.

"May the New Year bring to all Health and peace and sweet content."

"R. RANDOLPH BRUCE,"
"Lieutenant-Governor."

THE MAYOR'S MESSAGE

"It gives me a great deal of gratification on this occasion to wish the citizens of Victoria a very happy and merry Christmas, for I feel that this year there has been more of the Christmas spirit pervading the city than in any year since the close of the war." Mayor J. Carl Friday stated yesterday, when asked for his Christmas message to the people of Victoria.

I feel that Victoria has accomplished much during the past twelve months for which we can be thankful for today. There is a sign of greater prosperity in the city, and although not every family will enjoy to the full the material pleasures that associate themselves with Christmas, it gives me a great deal of satisfaction to know that there is an ever decreasing number of unemployed.

"I wish on this occasion to thank the Friendly Help Association, service clubs, fraternal organizations, churches and other institutions that have helped to bring happiness to those homes that are not blessed with an abundance of those things that go toward making Christmas a merry and happy one.

"I feel sure that the progress of the city during the past twelve months will continue active in 1929 so that when the next Christmas comes around we shall have even more to be thankful for than we have today."

REVERTED LAND SALES INCREASE

NEARLY \$150,000 WORTH OF PROPERTY PUT BACK ON TAX ROLL THIS YEAR

Majority of Land Bought for Improvement Purposes—Substantial Will Cost \$250,000

An indication that there is renewed confidence in city real estate is given in the figures for the past twelve months of reverted land sold by Greater Victoria.

In Victoria and the surrounding municipalities reverted land fetched \$149,000, as against only \$50,000 in 1927. This is an increase of nearly 200 per cent and, in the case of Victoria, an increase of nearly 300 per cent.

During the past twelve months some 125 city reverted lots were sold for \$133,000, as against land sold for \$36,000 in 1927.

Sanche reverted land swelled the municipal treasury to the extent of \$10,400, while Oak Bay sold property to the value of \$4,800. Esquimalt sold property amounting to \$1,500. Victoria and the three surrounding municipalities all reported increase in sales.

Another important feature with regard to the sale of reverted land during 1928 is that in the majority of cases the property has been purchased for the purpose of erecting homes thereon. In connection with one city purchase improvements to the extent of \$250,000 are being erected. This is the reverted land on the corner of Bay and Government streets, which was bought by the B.C.E.R. for the purpose of erecting a new electric substation.

No Publication Of The Colonist On Wednesday

THERE will be no issue of The Colonist tomorrow morning, owing to the Christmas season.

PREMIER TOLMIE HAS GOOD NEWS TO TELL OF MISSION'S RESULT

Other Excellent Results Secured in Addition to Settlement of Basis for Return of Railway Lands—Federal Farm Loan System to Be Extended to This Province

Smelter and Refinery Soon On Coast Is Anticipated

Premier Finds Eastern Provinces Displaying New Interest in British Columbia That Will Be of Vital Importance to Future Prosperity—Tributes Paid

(Special to The Colonist)

DAY ADDS TO GAIN SLOWLY MADE BY KING

Physicians Report Continuance of Improvement Which Has Been Shown Steadily During Week

PERILS SURVIVED NOW REVEALED

On Three Occasions During Extended Battle Physicians Considered His Majesty Near Death

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Christmas Eve brought to the King new hope for his recovery and the blessing of a united family. The physicians attending His Majesty reported tonight that improvement in both the general and local conditions of his illness was continuing. At the same time it became known that on three occasions during his extended battle against the disease, the doctors considered him to be at the very gates of death. The Empire's Christmas joy is increased by the hope that his sovereign has come safely through the darkest part of the valley and for a week has been climbing steadily, although slowly, to higher ground. The brief bulletin issued at 8:30 o'clock tonight at Buckingham Palace said:

"The very slow progress in His Majesty's local and general condition continues. No bulletin will be issued until Tuesday evening."

This will be the second time in about six weeks that the royal physicians have had such confidence in the progress of their patient that they have believed one bulletin in twenty-four hours sufficient for the reassurance of the public.

The sick King and his brave and faithful Queen had cause for happiness tonight, for they had gathered around them a complete family circle, some members of which came from the ends of the earth. The Duke of Gloucester reached the Palace today after weeks of travel from South Africa. The Prince of Wales, who had made a quicker homeward journey, displayed his lively spirit by hunting today with the hounds at Melton Mowbray. He returned to London this evening with his brother, the Duke of York, and dined with Queen Mary tonight.

CONSTRUCTION WORK EXCEEDS EXPECTATIONS

Building Activity During Past Twelve Months Unprecedented Since Pre-war Days

PERMITS FOR MANY NEW HOMES ISSUED

Building undertaken in Greater Victoria during the present year has passed the \$2,500,000 mark. Not since pre-war days has there been such a revival in building activity. Many new homes have been erected. In fact new homes have been the outstanding feature in the list of permits taken out.

Permits taken out in Victoria proper amounted to \$1,775,042. Oak Bay also had an active year with permits amounting to \$422,510. Sanche building reached the total of \$337,518, while Esquimalt's total is \$35,357. This makes a total of \$2,590,427 in construction undertaken the past twelve months.

Victoria's permits when aggregated show that 132 new homes have been erected, ten warehouses, six apartment houses, three office buildings, five retail buildings, four factory buildings, twelve public garages and 261 private garages, and 337 miscellaneous permits were also issued.

MAJOR W. D. SHARPE BURIED IN BRAMPTON

BRAMPTON, Ont., Dec. 24.—The funeral of Major W. D. Sharpe, former president of the Great War Veterans' Association, and one of the first honorary presidents of the Canadian Legion, took place in Brampton today. A large number of friends and coworkers from Toronto and other cities attended.

ROBBERY AT WEYBURN

MOOSE JAW, Dec. 24.—An armed and masked bandit held up P. A. Davidson, station agent of the Canadian Pacific Railway at Weyburn, Sunday night, and took more than \$430.

Community Singing of Carols Recalls Custom Of Mediaeval Period

BOISTEROUS winds which swayed the illuminated trees, and gave a finer shimmer to the scintillating lines of color which held the Parliament Buildings, the Empress and its pointed towers, the Postoffice, the Causeway and C.P.R. depot and boats anchored at the harbor in a magic web of light, seemed to enhance rather than detract from the festive spirit of the community carol singing in front of the Parliament Buildings last evening.

Hundreds of people, many of whom had spent the evening in the city shopping and who still carried armfuls of parcels, gathered on the Parliament Building steps or lined the stone balustrade immediately opposite, and joined heartily in the programme. Among the first arrivals were His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Mrs. MacKenzie, who were accompanied by Captain Molson. Their car drew up immediately at the foot of the steps, where Mr. Harold Eastgate Key, musical director for the C.P.R., received them, and during the whole concert the Government House visitors remained, joining in the singing and subsequently expressing their enjoyment of the celebration.

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Send 130,000 Turkeys Over C.N.Ry. Alone

WINNIPEG, Dec. 24.—Their gobbling days are over. The axe has fallen and they will do their duty on 130,000 platters tomorrow. Approximately 130,000 big, fat turkeys have been moved to Eastern Canada over the Canadian National Railways during the Christmas season. About half the number spent their innocent lives in Manitoba, while Saskatchewan and Alberta divided the other half equally between them. Thirty-nine cars of turkeys were sent to Toronto, while Montreal received sixteen. The remainder were sent to London, Ottawa, Cochrane, Timmins and Kapuskasing, Ontario North, Sydney, N.S., received two cars. Eleven cars of Alberta turkeys were shipped to the Pacific Coast.

BEATRICE IS DESTINED TO NEW SERVICE

Vessel, After Twenty-Five Years' Service With Local Transportation Company, Is Sold

LONG RECORD ON THIS COAST

Announcement of the pending sale of the Beatrice by the British Columbia Coast Steamship Service to Captain B. L. Johnson and associates, was made at the offices of the owners yesterday.

The Beatrice has been laid up after a quarter of a century's usefulness, and her disposal of the Princes fleet has been under negotiation for some time. The Princess North, recently built in Scotland, being designed to fill part of her schedule when not required on the West Coast.

The Beatrice was built in 1903 at the ways of the British Columbia Coast Steamship Service, is 101 feet long by thirty-seven feet beam, and sixteen feet depth. She was fitted with triple expansion engines, the machinery and boilers being supplied by the Vancouver Engineering Works, and were built by Bow & McLachlan, Paisley, Scotland.

She attained a speed of twelve and a half knots. Captain J. W. Troup, then manager of the service, prepared the plans, being assisted by Mr. John Alexander, who did the draughting work, and Mr. Joseph Clarke, former carpenter of the company. Mr. James McGowan attended to supervise the installation of the machinery.

Captain Hickey and Captain Hughes were first masters of the vessel, and the Beatrice enjoyed a long period of service to points on the British Columbia Coast, few wharves and harbors having failed to see her familiar lines during a long record of usefulness. In her earlier career she was undoubtedly the handsomest ship built on the British Columbia Coast.

DEATH TAKES NOTABLE MEN

EARL OF DALHOUSIE DIES SUD- DENLY—COMMONS LOSES TWO MEMBERS

LONDON, Dec. 24. (C.P. Cable)—Death is busy in several walks of life this Christmas season in Britain. The Earl of Dalhousie died suddenly today at the age of fifty years. He was a brother-in-law of Lady Patricia Hamar.

Another vacancy in the House of Commons is created by the death yesterday of George Henry Waine, Labor member for Wansbeck North 1922, and trustee of the Thameside and Wansbeck Miners' Society. He was forty-seven years old. His death followed a day after that on Saturday of Sir George Hutchinson, Conservative member for North Midlothian since 1924.

Charles Phelps, well known riverman and winner of the famous Dugout Trophy offered at the Thameside waterman's competition annually, died over the week-end.

One of the most notable figures taken by death is Blacy Aumonier, a prominent author, at the age of forty-one. In early life he achieved some recognition as a portrait painter, exhibiting at the Royal Academy, but later turned to short story writing. He served as a private during the war and as a maker of charts at the Ministry of National Service.

E. B. Noel, amateur racquet player of note, also died over the week-end.

Ship Afire; Crew Jump Overboard

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The crew of the steamer Caspar, which went on the rocks about 100 miles off the southwest coast of Finland on December 13, had to jump into the sea when their ship caught fire. A dispatch to Lloyd's from Reval, Estonia, said that one fireman was drowned, but that the others of the crew were picked up by a salvage ship which had been standing by. The Caspar caught fire in the engine-room and was still burning when the dispatch was filed. The flames spread so rapidly that there was no chance to lower the boats.

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Fletcher's Fancy Mild-Cured, whole ham, 33c; slank half, 33c; fillet half 35c

Sliced Ashtray Roll, per lb.	35c	Choice Sugar-Cured Bacon, piece cut, lb.	33c
Sweet Pickled Cottage Roll, per lb.	29c	Smoked Picnics, per lb.	21c
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Pure Fruit Mince-meat, 2 lbs. for	25c	Pure Lard, 1 lb. for	52c
Fresh Creamery Butter, 3 lbs. for	43c	New Zealand Butter, per lb.	44c
Prime Matured Ontario Cheese, per lb.	35c	Choice Mild Cheese, per lb.	30c

GROCERY SPECIALS

Del Monte Peaches, 2 1/2, 2 tins for	45c	Icebound Crab Meat, per tin	31c
Heinz Ketchup, large bottle	27c	Braid's Tudor Tea, 1-lb. pkt.	49c
Aylmer Bantam Corn, per tin	19c	Garden Peas, 2 tins for	25c
Libby's Asparagus Tips, per tin	19c	Jameson's Tea, 2 lbs. for	62c
New Crystallized Ginger, per lb.	25c	Pure Fresh Ground Coffee, per lb.	42c
Nabob Jelly Powders, 4 pkts. for	25c	H.P. Sauce, per bottle	27c
Bread Flour, 40's, per sack	\$2.37	Wild Rose Pastry Flour, per lb.	46c
Reception Coffee, Reg. 55c lb. Special	51c	Pure Dutch Cocoa, just arrived, 2 lbs. for	25c
Robertson's Golden Shred Marmalade, tin	69c	Pure Strawberry Jam, per tin	59c
Christmas Wines, per bottle	33c	Jordan Almonds, per lb.	70c

Fruit, Vegetable and Candy Department

Juicy Oranges, per doz. 25c; 2 doz.	45c	Cluster Raisins, 1 1/2, 2 for	35c
Sunkist Grapefruit, 4 for	25c	Thin Skin Juicy Lemons, per dozen	19c
Jap Oranges, per doz. 20c; per box	95c	Fancy Navel Oranges, per doz.	35c
Glaze Cherries, per lb.	45c	35c, 45c; extra large, per dozen	60c
Fancy Apples, for dessert, Delicious, Newtowns, Spitz, Wagner, 3 lbs. for	25c	Pure Almond Icing, per lb.	45c
New Brazil, per lb.	30c	Glaze Pineapple, 3 pkts. for	25c
Soft Shell Walnuts, per lb.	45c	Mixed Nuts, per lb. 20c, 25c and	35c
		Soft Shell Almonds, per lb.	40c
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Caley's Christmas Crackers, from, per box. 25c

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Premier Tolmie Has Good News to Tell Of Mission's Result

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Questioned concerning the transference of the railway lands to British Columbia, the Premier stated that at the conference in Ottawa, the basis for the restoration of the lands was established. It was agreed to appoint officials representing the two governments to work out the necessary details of the transfer. Many matters, such as mineral, timber and water rights, park and Indian reserves and other problems will be dealt with, and arrangements will be made so that there will be no disturbance of existing leases or property rights. Legislation supplementing the understanding at Ottawa will be introduced into the House of Commons and the Provincial Legislature early in the forthcoming sessions of these parliaments.

FARM LOANS AND P.E.E.

"In respect to the farm loans," went on the Premier, "I met the Minister of Finance, James Robb, and it was agreed that the Dominion Government farm loans would be made immediately available to those in British Columbia who can qualify for this form of assistance."

"What delighted me especially in Eastern Canada," added Premier Tolmie, "was the interest that is being manifested on all sides in British Columbia. There is a new confidence, and a better understanding of our resources and potentialities. Interest is particularly keen in the future development of the Peace River district. It is evident that the utilization of the vast resources of this portion of the province will require some means of transportation from the Peace River to tidewater on the Pacific."

In respect to the Pacific Great Eastern, the Premier would only smile and say that there was no more reason to be pessimistic about the line now than before he went away. He did, however, say that he was more than ever convinced of the wisdom of the Government being fully acquainted with the natural and potential wealth along the line. "We must," he said, "know what we have in the country traversed by the P.G.E., and particularly in those blocks which were set aside for the railway. While we have considerable data already on the Lillooet,

East and West Cariboo blocks and the Peace River district, we must, as business men and as trustees of the people of British Columbia, have a thorough comprehension of the assets of the province that are allied, in their development, with the railway. Field parties will investigate these resources and it is hoped that they will be able to report finally before the end of 1929."

Premier Tolmie spoke in complimentary terms of the treatment that he had received on every hand at Ottawa and throughout the East generally. He also paid tribute to the assistance given him by Hon. Neil E. Loughheed, Colonel Nelson Spencer, M.L.A., and Deputy Attorney-General Oscar Bass while in the East.

TRIBUTES PAID

"The accomplishment of the purpose of our visit to Ottawa is proof enough in itself of the failure of those who attempted to make it a political issue recently. When I first brought it up in the House of Commons there were those who sought to make it the subject of partisanship, but happily, in final analysis, it was considered in a spirit of equity, morality and justice," continued the Premier. "I hope that I am big enough and broad-minded enough to pay tribute to the fine work done in this cause by the late Premier, John Oliver."

MONTREAL'S MAYOR

"Montreal is making wonderful progress," he concluded, with a twinkle in his eye, "and the most outstanding feature of that great city is undoubtedly its 100-horsepower mayor. He is a regular human dynamo. His great strength is a splendid view of the Strait and Olympic Mountains, being situated on the Oak Bay waterfront."

Editor Named Member of Radio Commission

Editor of The Daily Colonist, who is one of the members of the Radio Commission, appointed by the Government to inquire into the conditions of broadcasting and reception in the Dominion.



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Mayor Pendray Buys Palatial Oak Bay Home

PURCHASE OF THE \$40,000 house of Mr. Alan Brooks, of this city, was completed yesterday by Mayor J. Carl Pendray. The house is well known, being one of Victoria's finest residences. It stands in an acre of garden, and affords a splendid view of the Strait and Olympic Mountains, being situated on the Oak Bay waterfront.

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loys fifty men on three shifts a day.

The Dallas Hotel was sold to the B.C. Piano Manufacturing Company for the nominal sum of one dollar, providing that concern started in business before December 31. The company is a consolidation of the Dominion and Evans & Bell piano companies of Ontario. They have formed the British Columbia branch to establish a Western unit to take care of domestic trade as far east as Winnipeg and the export trade from the Pacific coast. Owing to the serious illness of Mr. Fowler, head of the concern, nothing has been done yet. Word is being awaited from Mr. Fowler as to whether he will be ready to go ahead with the project as soon as he recovers from his illness.

The piano factory would turn out 800 pianos a year besides gramophone and radio cabinets and organs. The plant at the start would employ seventy-five men.

"Miss May," said a shy young man, "if I were to throw you a kiss, what would you say?" "I'd say you were the laziest man I ever met!" replied Miss May.

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dropped out, the fine swell of choral music, heard blocks away, attracting the reverer or late stopper. The singing was delightfully spontaneous and voices rose lustily above the howling gusts of wind which periodically swept across the Square. Key had cleverly posted half a dozen good singers about the audience, and round these nuclei harmony developed and spread until a fine volume of sound was reached. Among the leaders were Mr. J. Harry Smith, who is also here from Montreal in connection with the Yuletide Festival proceedings; Mr. Herbert Heweston, tenor; Miss James and Mrs. Wood.

The programme concluded with the singing of the National Anthem, after which Mr. Key made a short speech in which he thanked the Victorians who had been helping to make the festival programme such a success.

CHESTER MYSTERIES

"The Chester Mysteries," produced at the Crystal Garden for the first time on Saturday evening, were given twice yesterday again, once during the afternoon, once in the evening. A slight variation in the cast was made in order to rest the actors. In the evening Miss Clare Vincent spoke the lines of the prologue. In the afternoon, Miss Geraldine Rutherford-Shaw. The other parts were carried as follows:

Maria (afternoon), Mrs. Arthur Long (evening); Mrs. Frances Ebbas-Cavanagh; Joseph, Mr. John McLeish; angels (evening), Miss Frances Hamilton, (afternoon), Miss Ethel Hale; first king, Mr. Arthur Long; second king, Mr. Herbert Heweston; third king (afternoon), Mr. Keith Bisgel, (evening), Captain Hugh Allan; page, Miss Margaret Whyte; Miss Nesta Carter; second king's page, Miss Hazel Wright; Miss Peggie Oliver; third king's page, Miss Stella Cunningham; Miss Helen Colon; first shepherd (evening), Mr. J. Leonard Nicholls, (afternoon), Mr. Herbert Heweston; second shepherd, Mr. J. A. P. Crompton, both afternoon and evening; third shepherd, Mr. James A. Gibson; Trowie, Mr. Walter Shaw.

The "Chester Mysteries," the mediaeval nativity play, which has been revived under such happy auspices, is one of the leading features of the Yuletide Festival here, and in addition to its naive beauty, is of the greatest historical interest.

YULE EVE'S MARKED BY CASUALTIES

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las Street. Mr. E. Walker was driving Number 10 street car south on Douglas Street, near Queens Avenue, when the accident occurred. The truck collided head on with the street car. The steering wheel was pushed back of the driver's seat. The engine of the car was pushed through the flooring of the car, and a crowbar had to be used to unbend twisted iron before Masah Singh could be extricated from the wreck. He was caught in a network of twisted frames. Eye witnesses were nervous about touching the man, thinking he was dead. He escaped from the accident with a few cuts about the hand. Constables Bishop and Acreman attended.

At 11:05 o'clock Mr. B. Peden, eighteen years, of 1250 Oscar Street, while driving east on Yates Street, collided and knocked down Mr. William Walsh, of 1648 Pell Street. Walsh was running across the road when he was struck down. Dr. E. C. Boak, who witnessed the accident, ordered Mr. Walsh to the Jubilee Hospital, where his injuries are being attended to.

Mr. George Burton, of 80 Regina Street, sustained minor injuries when he was struck by an automobile on Esplanade Road near the Silver Spring Brewery. Mr. Fairall was the driver of the car. He took Mr. Burton home after first aid had been rendered.

The series of accidents was ended with a final mix-up of three cars in the 900 block on Yates Street at 12:05 o'clock this morning.

STRIKES TWO CARS

F. A. Macfarland, of 987 Redfern Street, was driving his car west on Yates Street. His car struck two cars parked on the north side of Yates Street. Mr. Frank Noel, of 1334 Merritt Street, an occupant of his car, was taken to St. Joseph's Hospital.

The car owned by Mr. F. Freeman, of 734 Queens Avenue, and which was one of those parked on the north side of the street, was completely turned over. Mr. R. Nicholson, of 547 Michigan Street, had his car pushed up on the sidewalk by the impact. Macfarland's car was turned over on its side. Wrecking crew were at work this morning clearing away the damaged cars.

A police charge is expected from this case.

Two-Cent Postage Rate Is Welcomed By London Paper

LONDON, Dec. 24.—It would be hard to think of anything more curious or more appropriate than the decision of the Canadian Government to express its devotion to the King and its solicitude for him by restoring penny postage between Canada and all parts of the Empire, says The Evening Standard tonight. "There is a peculiar but natural association in our minds between Christmas and the postal services, and this is a Christmas gift which has a touch of imagination about it. At the same time we may legitimately ask why if the Canadian can enjoy this benefit, we at home may not have it also?"

"Let's run over a few things together," said the automobile instructor to his pupil.

SOLARIUM HAS CHRISTMAS TREE

Santa Claus Distributes Gifts to Forty-Six Children—Delightful Programme Given

The strict seclusion which in the ordinary way is practised at the Queen Alexandra Solarium at Mill Bay is being slightly relaxed this week in order that the little cripples can share in some of the Christmas festivities. Their first big excitement took place yesterday when, in the presence of His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor and Miss MacKenzie (who were accompanied by Captain Mohon) and several of the directors and other friends, Santa Claus distributed gifts from two well-laden trees. It was the first time in their lives that many of the youngsters had seen Santa, and shrill shouts of glee rose from the little folk as they had their first glimpse of the old gentleman in the gay tunic and pointed hood. The older children reciprocated his kindness by giving a charming entertainment which brought round after round of delighted applause from the little audience of grown-ups. Both before and after the entertainment the guests had a brief opportunity to see over the establishment, which was gay with Christmas decorations; and before leaving the visitors were entertained to tea in the big playroom, the equipment of which has within the last few days been seasonably added to by two or three large dolls' houses, presented by generous friends of the institution.

The children's programme, marked by the most delicious lack of self-consciousness in the little actors, was as follows: "Christmas Songs," Charlie Harrison; recitation "Christopher Robin," Margaret Davies; monologue (acted with wonderful gusto), "Bringing in the Wood" Clifford Newell, and playlet, "Mother Goose's Christmas Party," the parts being taken as follows: Little Boy Blue, "Sunny Jim" Greer; Mother Goose, Peggy Archer; Mother Hubbard, Muriel Anderson; Jack Horner, Royce Wright; Bo-Peep, Thelma Wach; Crook's Patch, Barbara Hutchison; Simple Simon, Jackie Halifax; Mary Mary, Peggy Lynn; Tommy Tucker, Frankie Zarko; Jack and Jill, Jimmy Love and Marjorie Wier; King of Hearts, Ian Mackenzie; Red Riding-Hood, Helen Crooks, and Willie Winkle, Jackie Farmer. The acting was wonderfully realistic; the spoken lines delightfully clear and full of expression.

Three cheers for Santa Claus, very affably impersonated by Dr. H. E. Young and three more for His Honor the Lieutenant-Governor; three for Dr. Wace and three for Mrs. Hutchison, their teacher, brought the children's programme to an end. In the unavoidable absence of Dr. Wace, owing to illness, Mrs.

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General Director of technical education in the Province of Quebec, who was one of the new radio commissioners appointed by the Federal Government to inquire into the present condition of radio reception and transmission in the Dominion.

Christmas Tree In Cathedral for Distressed Area

LONDON, Dec. 24.—A giant Christmas tree has been placed in the nave of Canterbury Cathedral, and visitors have been invited to place around it gifts of clothing, shoes and provisions for the families of distressed miners. Tomorrow the clergy and choir will visit the tree where carols will be sung and prayers said for those in destitute circumstances. The dean will dedicate the gifts already received.

Born Christmas: Now Celebrates 116th Birthday

GUTHRIE, Ont., Dec. 24.—Thomas Sloan Bud, Oklahoma's oldest citizen, will celebrate his 116th birthday anniversary here on Christmas Day.

Letters to Empire Number 20,000,000 Yearly From Canada

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—The restoration of two-cent postage from Canada to all parts of the British Empire, announced today, instead of the present three cents, will mean a loss of revenue of about \$200,000, postoffice officials figure. They state that about 20,000,000 letters go annually from Canada to other parts of the Empire, 90 per cent of which go to the British Isles. However, it is expected that increased volume will make up a considerable portion of the loss.

Epidemic in Tahiti

TAHITI, Dec. 24.—Many deaths have been caused in Tahiti in November and December by measles and influenza. Almost every child has been stricken and many adults have suffered.

Business was almost at a standstill for two months. During December conditions improved.



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LAST MEETING
OF COUNCIL IS
IMPORTANTMayor J. Carl Pendray Will
Give Annual Report —
Port Development to Be
DiscussedHOSPITAL BILLS TO
BE REPORTED UPON

The last City Council meeting of the year will be one of the most important meetings of that body held during the past six months. Among the matters to be discussed at the meeting, which is set for 8:30 o'clock on Thursday night, are the industrial committee's port development scheme, hospital financing, interchange track on Industrial Reserve, meeting of retail merchants of the city in connection with the Shops Early Closing By-Law and the Mayor's annual report.

On Thursday afternoon the industrial committee of the City Council will confer with Mr. J. P. Ford, district engineer of the Dominion Public Works Department, members of the Chamber of Commerce transportation committee, shipping agents, captains, pilots and customs brokers, on the needs of Victoria with respect to harbor development. Mr. Ford is seeking information on which to base his recommendations which will be sent to Ottawa.

A report will be given to the City Council by Alderman Woodward, Alderman John Worthington and City Comptroller D. A. MacDonald with regard to indigent patients' accounts at the Jubilee Hospital. Directors of the hospital board will also be heard before the council decides whether to give another grant to the hospital in connection with its services to the city.

The council will also decide what action to take in connection with the application for an interchange track on Industrial Reserve, before the railway board convenes here to consider the application.

The retail merchants' section of the Chamber of Commerce will wait upon the council to make certain recommendations in connection with the Shops Early Closing By-Law. Most of its recommendations deal chiefly with holidays, hours of remaining open and commodities that should be sold after 6 o'clock in the evening.

Mayor J. Carl Pendray will give his annual report covering the work of each city department during the past twelve months. The Mayor stated yesterday that his report was an encouraging one and gave promise of an even better year in 1929.

MR. W. C. ROSS DIES

CRANBROOK, B.C., Dec. 24.—W. C. Ross, lawyer, of Cranbrook, son of the late W. R. Ross, who had been Minister of Lands of the province under the McBride Government, dropped dead at his home here Saturday night.

The late W. C. Ross came to Cranbrook from Vancouver about a year ago to take over his father's law practice. He had served overseas, where he was gassed.

Flourist—Want to say it with flowers, eh? About two dozen, sir?
Flirtman—No, about six—I don't want to say too much.

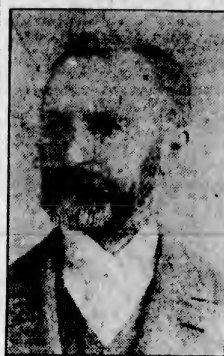
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PRIOR to the City Council meeting, to be held at 8:30 o'clock Thursday night, Mayor J. Carl Pendray will give a banquet in the Empress Hotel to aldermen, city officials and the press. The banquet will commence at 6 o'clock.

His Worship has invited the City Council of 1928, all members of former councils who served under his leadership, the members of the 1928 Police Board, and former members of the board who served under him in that capacity. City Hall departmental heads and officials complete the list for the gathering.

PIONEER OF
DISTRICT DIESMR. WILLIAM THOMAS BICKFORD
WAS FORMERLY IN
BUSINESS HEREHad Resided at Langford and
Colwood — Was Keen
Sportsman

MR. W. T. BICKFORD

One of the best-known old-timers of the Colwood district passed on Sunday in the death of Mr. William Thomas Bickford, a popular figure in British Columbia for fifty-six years. He had attained the age of seventy-eight.

Mr. Bickford was born at Bude, Cornwall, England, and came to British Columbia as a young man on a sailing ship, first to San Francisco and thence to Victoria. He started here as a cabinetmaker and furniture designer, later being associated with his late wife (Penny Saunders), whom he married at St. John's Church, June 2, 1877, in a ladies' wear and millinery store on Port Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Bickford decided to move into the country later, and he took up a section of land at Florence, where he farmed for many years, selling it to Savory's for nursery uses. Fifteen years ago Mr. Bickford moved to Colwood, where he took an active part in the district affairs. For several years he was warden at St. John's Church, active in the tennis and badminton club, and, though the loss of his wife in 1920 was a serious blow, he continued a lifelong interest in sport.

He was a keen sportsman and angler, having been president and captain of the Victoria Sun Club, and also a member of the militia, being on duty in connection with the miners' trouble many years ago. He was instrumental in having Florence and Langford Lakes stocked with black bass.

He is survived by one brother, Edward Bickford, in England; a sister-in-law, Mrs. M. Ware, Linden Avenue; three nephews in this city, and one niece, Mrs. Harris, Vancouver.

He was a member of Court Vancouver, A.O.F., under whose auspices the funeral service will be held, the remains resting at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel until tomorrow, when the cortege will leave at 1:15 o'clock for St. John's Colwood, the service being conducted by Rev. H. S. Payne at 2 o'clock. Interment will be made at Colwood Cemetery.

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Announcement is made of the purchase of a site on Howe Street, Vancouver, near the Pender Street financial district, for offices for Branson, Brown & Company, of this city.

The site is regarded as admirably suited for accommodation for the quotation board and brokerage offices required by the firm, whose headquarters are located here, and plans call for special provision for the requirements of a financial house. Its Vancouver branch will be located there as soon as practicable. Messrs. R. P. Clark & Company represented the vendors, Vancouver investors, and also the purchasing firm.

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by Prime MinisterTOLD IN MESSAGE
BY CABLE TO KING

OTTAWA, Dec. 24.—Canada will tomorrow restore penny or two cent postage on letters to all parts of the British Empire. In a message from Premier Mackenzie King, which went forward to the King yesterday, the Christmas greetings of the Canadian Government and the Canadian people were conveyed to the sovereign and the message also announced Canada's action in reducing the postage to all parts of the Empire from three to two cents.

The statement dated at Ottawa follows:

"At this Christmas season, the members of Your Majesty's Government in Canada desire, on their own behalf and on behalf of the people of Canada to extend respectful and heartfelt greetings to Your Majesty, to Her Majesty, the Queen, and to all the members of the royal family. We rejoice that under the providence of God the anxiety occasioned by Your Majesty's illness has been so materially lessened. We join our prayers to those from all parts of the Empire for the complete restoration of Your Majesty to health and strength.

POSTAGE REDUCED

"At no time since Your Majesty's accession to the throne, have the feelings of love and devotion on the part of the Canadian people toward Your Majesty found deeper or more universal expression than in the course of Your Majesty's illness. Never have the minds and the hearts of the British people everywhere been drawn more closely together. We have felt that at this Christmas season, we should like on the part of Canada to give enduring expression to this oneness of feeling, and to the nearness of the relationship of our country to all parts of Your Majesty's dominions. We have decided, accordingly, on Christmas Day to restore the penny postage rate on communications from Canada to all parts of the British Empire.

"While this reduction in the rate of postage will be of more immediate and direct benefit to the citizens of Canada, it is our hope that it may also serve to render the more enduring the many ties which unite the British Commonwealth of Nations in a common allegiance to the crown.

(Signed)

W. L. MACKENZIE KING,
Prime Minister.

The present rate from Canada to other parts of the British Empire is three cents an ounce. The rate from Great Britain to Canada is a penny and a half.

VICTORIA NOW
HAS 'TALKIES'DOMINION THEATRE LEADS
WAY IN NEW ENTERTAINMENT

Full House Attends Opening Performance at Popular Yates Street House

Yesterday afternoon, at 5 o'clock, the first "talkie" was shown in Victoria. Despite the fact that it was Christmas Eve, and a Monday at that, there was a full house, every member of the audience having "ditched" other engagements in order to hear this latest triumph of invention, which bids fair to eclipse radio and the stars of Hollywood in the course of the next decade.

The first impression gained had nothing to do with the story, which was mediocre enough in every sense of the word. The plot was about the variety stage, with the usual shots of an over-dressed man, an under-dressed chorus, quashing their teeth in the wings, what time an underfed hero tears his hair in the dressing-room. But it was a shock, if nothing less, to hear the mother of the heroine giving good advice to her daughter just before she goes on.

It is with this shock, which synchronizes with the realization that this is a film, and not a legitimate play, that the enormous possibilities of the "talkie" become apparent. There was a time, not so very long ago, when the cinematograph entertainment was a flickering horror, devoid of any photographic pleasure, and any intellectual plot. There will be a time, considerably fewer years ahead, when the talkie will have supplanted the ordinary film, if it has not ousted the legitimate stage.

It is impossible to imagine the most beautiful male or female star of Hollywood playing an articulate part in any of Scott's novels, unless he or she has some pretensions to a speaking voice. At the same time it is equally impossible to visualize a really effective crowd scene on any legitimate stage. The problem, sooner or later, will be solved by the "movie-tone," and it looks as though the Dominion Theatre, with its modern equipment, has shown the way in this respect.

Inquest Verdict

Suicide while of temporary unbalanced mind was the verdict returned yesterday by the coroner's jury which inquired into the death of Mr. Wilfred Calvet, 838's North Park Street, who died in hospital on Friday from the effects of a bullet wound. Mr. Calvet was found in his bed with a rifle across his body, and a large bullet wound in his left chest. The inquest was held at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel and the coroner, Dr. E. C. Hart, presided.

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Hearing Adjourned

The preliminary hearing of the case of Thomas Smith, charged with criminally assaulting a woman in Oak Bay, was further adjourned in the Oak Bay police court yesterday by Magistrate George Jay until next Monday morning, December 31. Mr. Stuart Henderson is counsel for the accused, and the prosecution is being conducted by Mr. Claude L. Harrison.

British M.P. Dies

LONDON, Dec. 24.—Sir George Huthinson, fifty-five, Conservative member for Midlothian in the House of Commons, died Saturday.

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MONTREAL, Dec. 24.—J. A. Vallancourt, president of La Banque

Canadienne Nationale, died here this morning. He succumbed to heart failure following an illness of two months. He was seventy-eight years of age.

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Tuesday, December 25, 1928

"SALUTE THE HAPPY MORN"

Yuletide is upon us once more with all its merry makings, good cheer and warm-heartedness, its tender memories and its aspirations. Essentially the children's festival of festivals, there are few indeed who can fail to catch something of its spirit and significance whatever the trials they may have been called upon to face in the year now rapidly drawing to its close.

If there is one duty more than another that the Christmas season stresses it is the duty of cheerfulness, to "rejoice with those that do rejoice." A sour face on a Christmas morning is an assault on the citadel of good cheer. Far more, it is a challenge to the Holy Spirit Who is ever striving to impart to all men of good will a baptism of that divine love manifested and typified by the incarnation of Him Who is altogether wonderful, loving and beautiful. Cheerfulness under adversity, it may be claimed, is a more pious aspiration and unattainable by the average man. Some see no break in the clouds of trouble; others who have nearly surmounted their difficulties retain a dread that Giant Despair is still just behind the corner. Morbidity at times befalls us all; we are volatile beings, creatures of circumstance for the most part, and all too prone to extremes of dejection and exaltation. How, then may we best turn a cheerful face at all times to the world and carry on? The answer to this question may be found in the choir of angelic voices at the Nativity of our Redeemer: "Peace on Earth to men of good will." It is this peace without alloy which is the proud prerogative of every Christian man, which he may have for the taking. It is that inward soul-rest, that brave acceptance of hard knocks which, paradoxically perhaps, soothes while it energizes; whose preserver is faith, whose illumination is the knowledge of salvation, and whose guarantee is divine love itself, portrayed in the birth of a little Child. With these prerequisites, then, cheerfulness is a possibility for all who are not experiencing actual acute mental or physical suffering.

It is easy for the scoffer to sneer at the angelic message, "Where," such will exclaim, "is peace on Earth and good will towards men?" It is true that God's benevolence is over all His creatures, but the message has for ages been mistranslated. There is a vast difference between "good will towards men," and "to men of good will." Once all men have learned to show good will to all their fellows universal peace will follow as naturally as daylight follows the dawn. The fault lies with man, as it has always lain, and not with God.

There are signs that the hope of a universal Pax Christiana is an ever-growing force in the world. There is a hope that the texture of men's minds is growing finer. The beautiful flower of compassion is uprooting the weeds of indifference to human sufferings. There is a spirit abroad, as yet barely articulated, that "Ye are all brethren, and One is your master, even Christ." A sense of stewardship is in the world disclosing itself in stonewalls of helpfulness as never before, and in countless kindly hearts there is the desire and hope that the less fortunate may find opportunities for greater self-expression and a place in the sun, where, in God's design, there is surely room for all.

Yet, granting these evidences of a growing feeling of responsibility in man for his less fortunate brothers, it must be confessed that the heart of the world is as yet far too small to take in that little Child, who came to "visit us in great humility" nearly two thousand years ago, and there are many among us who would turn Him out in the cold if they could. That his triumph is assured no man called by His name can for a moment doubt who will look about him with the eye of faith. It is that man who will most heartily bid his neighbor on Christmas morning "A merry Christmas to you, brother," or perhaps, as Tiny Tim would say: "God bless us all, every one."

TALKING FILMS

Moving picture interests on two continents have come to the conclusion that there is a definite future for the talking film, in fact that it is only a question of time before it replaces altogether the silent drama. A writer on films in The London Observer says the root attraction of moving pictures, what has brought them big money and protected them against criticism, is their "salesmanship of personality." There are some, he admits, who go to moving pictures to see beautiful scenery, to find art in movement and on the gramophone that he even finds them odd and attractive. The introduction of talking pictures will invest the moving picture actors and actresses with life. Once having heard the voices it is just a question if the picture-goers will ever again be satisfied with the dumb figures of their favorites. In concluding his argument the writer quoted says:

"The talks can give, cheaply, comfortably, and easily, the things we find most entertaining in the cinema, with the addition of much that we find entertaining on the stage. They are the logical outcome and perfection of the star system, presenting the star from every emotional angle. They are not art, any more than the average

silent film is art. They are not, without color and stereoscopy, even a perfect example of the reproductive machine; but they do give the people who want to buy personality better value for money, and this fact alone is enough to ensure for them prosperity and long life."

AMERICAN ANNEXATIONS

Political generalities run trippingly off the tongue where Mr. Lloyd George is concerned. He has frequently been known not to allow the accuracy, or inaccuracy, of a sentence, to interfere with the illusion he seeks to produce for political effect. Among his latest utterances is the following: "The United States coveted no territory. President Coolidge said so, and the whole of their history bore that out." The actual facts show the following territorial annexations of the United States since the constitution of the thirteen original states in 1790. The figures given being in added square miles:

1803 Louisiana Purchase	827,987
1819 Gained by treaty with Spain	13,435
1819 Florida	58,686
1845 Texas	389,166
1846 Oregon	286,541
1848 Mexican cession	529,189
1853 Gadsden purchase	29,870
1867 Alaska	590,884
1898 Hawaiian Islands	6,440
1899 Philippine Islands	114,400
1899 Porto Rico	3,435
1899 Guano	210
1900 American Samoa	77
1904 Panama Canal Zone	527
1917 Danish West Indies	132

The Weather

Meteorological Office, Victoria, B.C., at 8 p.m., December 24, 1928.

TEMPERATURES			
	Rain	Min.	Max.
Victoria	Trace	41	46
Nanaimo	18	42	45
Vancouver	06	40	44
Kamloops	28	36	43
Barkerville	Snow, 1 in.	32	40
Estevan Point	80	42	48
Prince Rupert	02	42	48
Dawson	106	60	66
Seattle	38	42	48
Portland	36	42	48
San Francisco	36	42	48
Spokane	22	36	42
Los Angeles	48	52	58
Penticton	23	31	38
Vernon	25	30	36
Grand Forks	24	34	40
Edmonton	20	36	42
Swift Current	24	32	38
Prince Albert	24	32	38
Qu'Appelle	22	38	44
Winnipeg	26	38	44

FORECASTS
Victoria and Vicinity—Strong winds or gales, mostly easterly and southerly; unsettled and mild with rain.

Vancouver and Vicinity—Strong winds or gales from the east and south; unsettled and mild with rain.
MONDAY
Maximum—46
Minimum—40
Average—43
Minimum on the grass—38
Bright sunshine, 1 hour 36 minutes.
Rain, .02 inch.
General state of the weather, cloudy.

5 P.M. WEATHER REPORTS
Victoria—Barometer, 29.38; wind, S.E., 28 miles; cloudy.
Vancouver—Barometer, 29.30; wind, E., 6 miles; cloudy.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.54; calm; fair.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.44; calm, snowing.
Prince Rupert—Barometer, 29.48; calm; fair.
Estevan Point—Barometer, 29.30; calm; cloudy.

A PRAYER HYMN

(This hymn is said to have been written by a nineteen-year-old servant girl. It was read to a large congregation by Dr. O. Campbell Morgan at one of his services last Sunday at Westminster Chapel, London.)

"Lord of all pots and pans and things; since I've no time to be
A saint by doing lovely things, or watching late with
Thee,
Or dreaming in the dawnlight, or storming Heaven's
Gates,
Make me a saint by getting meals, and washing up
the plates.
"Altho' I must have Martha's hands, I have a Mary
mind;
And when I black the boots and shoes, Thy sandals,
Lord, I find,
I think of how they trod the earth, what time I scrub
the floor;
Accept this meditation, Lord, I haven't time for more.
"Warm all the kitchen with Thy love, and light it with
Thy peace;
Forgive me all my worrying, and make all grumbling
cease.
Thou Who didst love to give men food, in room or by
the sea,
Accept this service that I do—I do unto Thee."
—M. K. H., in The Westminster Record.

SCIENCE ON THE BATTLEFIELD

How often have great discoveries been made by the simplest of events happening when competent minds were present to seize the truth? Newton's apple and the law of gravitation are well matched by the example, cited by Sir William Bragg, of the way in which the method of locating enemy guns during the war was developed. Young scientific students from the universities were assembled for the purpose of testing on the battlefield the methods already known. "It became clear that what was required was a method of measuring very accurately the time of arrival of the air-pulse, due to the discharge of the gun, at various stations in their own lines. It was known that a fine wire heated by an electric current had its resistance raised when cooled by a puff of cold air, and that this change could be measured. But it seemed improbable that the faint impulse from a gun miles away could produce an obvious chill in a hot wire. One morning an officer with scientific training and experience heard through rents in the wall of his hut faint whistling noises related to the loud explosions of anti-aircraft guns, and at once assigned them to impulses of the air waves caused by the guns. If the pulse were strong enough to make a sound, it would be strong enough to chill a wire. The method was therefore proposed, tried, and proved a complete success. That faint "whistling noise" to the ear trained to appreciate its significance was all that was necessary to important developments—United Empire.

WHO GAZES ON THE RIVER

Who gazes on the river
Forget's there is a sea.
Who looks at every little shrub
Neglects the taller tree.
A candle may give light enough,
But yonder is a star!
We are so bound by little things
We dare not travel far.
Who treads a narrow valley
Forget's the mountain way.
And in the water's fall will miss
The rainbow of its spray.
One cannot gaze from cellar walls.
The view is from the tower.
And he who dares not live and dream
Will miss love's golden hour.
—Francesca Miller, in The Chicago Tribune.
With bright, rapid, and blinding as the lightning, flashes, strikes and vanishes in an instant; humor, warm and all-embracing as the sunshine, bathes its objects in a genial and abiding light.—E. P. Whipple.

Note and Comment

By R. B. D.

THE MAHOGANY TREE

(By William Makepeace Thackeray)

Christmas is here:
Winds whistle shrill,
Fey and chill,
Little care we:
Little we fear
Weather without,
Sheltered about
The Mahogany Tree.

Once on the boughs
Birds of rare plumage
Sung in its bloom:
Night birds are we:
Here we carouse,
Singing like them,
Perched round the stem
Of the jolly old tree.

Here let us sport,
Boys, as we sit:
Boys, as we sit:
Laughter and wit
Flashing so free,
Life is but short—
When we are gone
Let them sing on
Round the old tree.

Evenings we knew,
Happy as the sun,
Pile up the coal:
Here we miss,
Pleasant to see,
Kind hearts and true,
(Gentle and just,
Peace to your dust!
We sing round the tree.

Care, like a dun,
Lurks at the gate:
Let the dog wait:
Havvy we'll be!
Drink, every one:
Pile up the coal:
Fill the red bowl,
Round the old tree!

Drain we the cup,
Friend, art afraid?
Spirits are laid
In the Red Sea.
Marble it up,
Empty it yet:
Let us forget,
Round the old tree.

Sorrows, begone!
Life and its ills,
Duns and their bills,
Bid us to flee,
Come with the dawn,
Blue-devil spirit:
Leave us tonight,
Round the old tree!

In the course of our random readings on the eve of Christmas we discovered the above verses in an old volume purporting to be a collection of miscellaneous literary masterpieces. After reading it we thought possibly readers of The Colonist might like to read it too. Although we knew that Thackeray occasionally "dropped into poetry" when in an idle mood (which he has confessed was a common mood, for he was constitutionally indolent), we had never seen the verses in any of his works, collective or fugitive.

We are not sure, but think it is probable, that the "Old Mahogany Tree" was written for and published first in Punch, to which the great author was a contributor for some years before he became the most famous novelist of his own time, and possibly of all time. Mr. Punch, who was and is a most hospitable old gentleman, entertains his staff regularly at dinner, and after his contributors have eaten and drunk and are in a mellow and merry mood, cartoons are criticized and contributions discussed and the general conduct of the paper considered. The "festive board" round which the company assembles is called "The Old Mahogany Tree."

As Mr. Thackeray was as fond of partaking of the good things of life as his great contemporary, Mr. Dickens, was fond of writing about such good things (particularly during the Christmas season), perhaps we may be forgiven for suggesting that the "Old Mahogany Tree" was in his case not the least of the attractions of his connection with the great humorous journal. Apropos of this characteristic of the author, a good story is told. Charlotte Bronte, the obscure but gifted child of an old Yorkshire parsonage, had become suddenly famous as the author of "Jane Eyre." Miss Bronte was a devout worshipper at the shrine of Thackeray and was anxious to meet him. An admirer of both gave a dinner for the purpose of bringing them together.

Thackeray was a great, big man. Miss Bronte was a little mite of a woman. The two sat together. The little woman, whose appetite was about as prodigious normally as the appetite of Miss Jenny Wren, was so overawed by her towering companion that she ate practically nothing at all, while her contemporary of godlike appearance and attributes paid such strict attention to the good things spread upon the board that he neglected to pay any attention to his company. Miss Bronte later confided to a friend her conviction that the most distinct impression left upon her mind by her brief association with Thackeray was the extraordinary size of his appetite. Possibly that story is too good to be true, but if it is true and was told in confidence to the author, we venture to say he enjoyed it as thoroughly as he enjoyed the dinner in the company of the great little woman from Yorkshire.

Christmas is here! In countless numbers of homes families are gathered again "round the old tree." Hearts are glad, countenances are merry; but "faces we miss, pleasant to see; kind hearts and true, gentle and just, peace to your dust!" In some cases the voices may be tremulous as they sing round the tree.

"You tramps have got a nerve," "Now, lady, I just asked you to assume a little dinner, not an elaborate social function."

Letters to the Editor

No letter to the Editor will be inserted unless the writer's name and address is given. This rule admits of no exceptions.

FISH TRAPS IN B.C.

Sir,—A petition is being circulated protesting against the further use of fish traps in British Columbia and salmon seines between Chatham Point Light and Victoria, B.C.

This petition should receive the whole-hearted support of the British Columbia public, as the above methods of salmon fishing cause wholesale destruction of the immature fish.

The Oul of Georgia is a naturally protected feeding ground for small salmon of all species for the first two years of their lives, and huge quantities of these young fish are destroyed yearly by the use of seine traps and traps, and salmon are decreasing rapidly in numbers owing to this wasteful method, in spite of all published assertions to the contrary.

Ask any fisherman whether this is correct or not.

All adult salmon can be caught by trolling and gill netting, thereby eliminating the destruction of the young fish.

We trust this letter will awaken the interest of the public in the matter, and that the petition will be strongly supported, that measures may be taken to prevent our salmon industry from becoming a thing of the past.

Wake up, sportsmen! this affects you too, your favorite pastime is endangered!

A. JONES
S. VOLLMERS
50 Mill Street, Nanaimo, B.C., Dec. 19, 1928.

TECHNICAL SCHOOL

Sir,—In this morning's issue your correspondent, F. Richardson, appears to have "rediscovered" an overlooked asset in the fireproof roof of the High School, and urges its use as workshops for the technical course.

It is true that it was used for a time by the cadets, who have had the experience of having their quarters encroached upon from time to time by expanding classes until they have retreated through all available space from the basement to the "rediscovered" attic, which was found totally unfit for the purpose, and they have now gone out of existence. The attic is neither lighted nor ventilated. Perhaps if the present roof were removed and a glass one substituted, it might be possible to work the school. Mr. Editor, this is a serious question. The proposal could not be sanctioned on the grounds of health, and even if it could pass this test it could never be carried out. One of the most serious features of the overcrowding situation is the danger from fire. Fireproof buildings and unsinkable ships have yet to be built. The "unsinkable" ship still carries its lifeboats, and the "fireproof" building must have its fire escape. The Victoria High School carries a priceless cargo, and is loaded with more than its capacity. If a panic should occur nothing less than a calamity could happen. I stood in one of the corridors recently during the period when students change rooms, and was perfectly bewildered at the sight of 1,300 boys and girls suddenly stepping into the corridor and walking briskly to different rooms. It was quite orderly, of course, and while I could not help but marvel at the discipline, I shuddered to think of what might happen if that discipline broke down in the excitement of a fire.

I believe this, Mr. Editor, is the most serious angle of the congestion problem, and I venture to suggest that neither Mr. Richardson nor the parent out of a hundred whose boy or girl is a student at the Victoria High School, realizes the situation.

ALBERT YOUNG.
2541 Fernwood Road, Victoria, B.C., December 21, 1928.

A TRIBUTE

Sir,—In behalf of the members of the Equivocal War Memorial Committee, which many months ago completed its duties and went out of office, I would like to add our testimony to the hundreds of others as to the high character and generosity of the late Hon. Walter C. Nichol, and to the genial way in which his gifts were given.

He will continue to live not only in the memory, but in the hearts of his fellow citizens. His works will indeed live long after him.

H. W. GIBSON STOCKEN.
729 Lamson Street, Esquimalt, B.C., December 22, 1928.

"ASTRONOMY AND ASTROLOGY"

Sir,—Referring to Mrs. Ellen M. Hogarth's letter on the subject of "Astronomy and Astrology," I would say that I enjoyed the reference to the Scripture as far as the application to astrology was concerned, but I cannot understand why the Jews were forbidden to study astrology, or consult the laws pertaining to that science. Job xxxviii. and verse 33 states, "Knowest thou the ordinances of heaven? Canst thou set the dominion thereof in the earth?" If God could use a star to

Jots From the Arts



Sir Christopher Wren, the famous English architect, who designed and built St. Paul's Cathedral in London, spent his life designing noble buildings for posterity. He was knighted in 1672 for the eminence of his works. Upon his death in 1723 he was buried in a crypt of St. Paul's. The inscription over his tomb reads: "If you seek a monument, look around."

guide the wise men to Bethlehem, can He not now use a definite study of the constellations and planets to aid us along our earthly pathway. It has to be admitted that a careful study of the astronomic realm has a very elevating influence upon human character, and must lead our thoughts into that which is sublime.

It seems to me that the majority are ruthlessly pursuing the self-preservation law for all that they are worth, and a large number are more or less occupied with getting into debt or getting out of debt, that we have little or no time to do any deep thinking for ourselves, and while we are engaged in the struggle to make ourselves secure and obtain happiness, we miss many good things that have been so beneficently provided for us.

The study of any scientific law, belief, sect, call it whatever you may, that has for its definite object the bringing about more devotion to God, and a clearer conscious conception of the relationship which should exist between ourselves and God, and our fellow-man, should be appreciated by all.

Whatever may stand for constructive energy, wisdom, resource and courage, should be sought for by all thoughtful and deep-thinking people. I am sure that there is a sphere of high and liberty of which God is the founder, where life has depth and meaning, wherein abide certain divine elements, such as character, safety, certainty and enjoyment, and we may all by faith assert ourselves and reach and live in the glow of these definite dominating elements.

While the study of the stars and other allied sciences may perhaps not suit us all, yet we can fully rely upon the Holy Spirit of the Scriptures which state, "If any lack wisdom let him ask God who giveth liberally."

May we all make the effort to develop that state of mind and attitude before God wherein we shall be in the full enjoyment of all that He has so lovingly provided. In other words, whether we learn it by the stars or not, real Christianity, believed, accepted, lived and appreciated is the only logical solution of our personal and every universal problem, and individual soul satisfaction.

M. K. ALEXANDRIA.
Nanaimo, B.C., December 22, 1928.

The Rhyming Optimist

By Aline Michaels

HAPPINESS

Who can capture happiness,
Bird on flying wing?

Who can tell why it may light
In some heart, and sing?

Rich man, poor man cannot bid
Happiness to stay.

Just at will it comes and goes
For a year, or day.

Chiefest still of man's desires,
Sought by age and youth,

For its wonders many give
Coin of love or truth.

Who can capture happiness,
Bird of fleeting wing?

Men can only voice a prayer
While they hear it sing;

Just a prayer that through the years,
While it flits away,

Memories of happiness
In their hearts may stay.

Primate III; Sir Hugh Rigby In Attendance

LONDON, Dec. 24.—The Most Rev. Cosmo Gordon Lang, newly-enthroned Archbishop of Canterbury, was ill today from an attack of internal inflammation. It was announced that it would be necessary for him to remain in bed some days.

Sir Hugh Rigby, the surgeon who had been in daily attendance on King George, was summoned to the primate's bedside and two bulletins were issued on his condition. The fact that these measures were taken was regarded as indicating that the monarch was serious.

Dr. Whithead Reid, the regular medical attendant of the archbishop, issued this bulletin after he had called in Sir Hugh this morning.

"The archbishop is suffering from an attack of internal inflammation which will make it necessary for him to remain in bed for some days."

"The archbishop has passed a moderately comfortable day with some sleep. The inflammation remains the same."

Although the archbishop had suffered slight periodic attacks of pain for some days, it was only after dinner Saturday night that he became seriously ill and the internal inflammation developed.

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VETERAN OF BETHLEHEM TELLS STORY

Father Brisino Has Kept
Guard at Shrine of Na-
tivity for Sixty-Eight
Years

**HAS SEEN WAR
AND TUMULT**

Hostile Bedouins Have
Desecrated Holy Place
When Turkish Regime
Governed Palestine

The writer of the following article is known to thousands of tourists and pilgrims to Bethlehem, where he is among the priestly guardians of the Church of the Nativity, the Basilica which rises on the spot where Christ was born. Father B. Brisino has reached the age of ninety-four. He went to Bethlehem from his native Italy sixty-eight years ago. Since that time he has never relinquished, even for an hour, his post at the famous shrine. He has passed through war and tumult; more than once he saw the church desecrated by hostile Bedouins under the old Turkish regime, when it was used as a stable to house camels and sheep.

By THE REV. GUILIO BRISINO, O.F.M., of the Church of the Nativity, Bethlehem, Palestine.

BETHLEHEM, Judea, Dec. 24.—The sun appears exactly at 6 o'clock in Bethlehem on Christmas morning. One moment night still envelops hills and fields, but the next, with amazing suddenness, the world is bathed in a silver glow.

This silver suffusion again lasts but the barest fraction of a minute. It is as if even the sun feels that upon striding across the blue mountains of Moab and catching sight of the little town where the Lord of the world was born it is proper to adorn itself with an even more gorgeous color.

And this is then also what takes place. Silver is followed by a deep scarlet. For a moment it seems that the universe is in flames. This is one of the most miraculous sights of Bethlehem, and I have been told by men and women from the other end of the world that they had journeyed across oceans and mountains just to be present at a Christmas sunrise in this little town.

THEN AND NOW

It would not be difficult for a person with some imagination to reconstruct the original setting of the birth of Christ.

A.O.F. FUNERAL NOTICE

Members of Court Vancouver No. 5755, are requested to meet at the B.C. Funeral Parlors at 1:15 P.M., Wednesday, December 26, for the purpose of attending the funeral of our late brother, William Bickford. Members of Brothers and Sister Courts invited to attend.

J. B. TAYLOR,
Secretary.

the fields around Bethlehem, where the shepherds tended their flock on that memorable night, and the little town where St. Joseph and the Virgin had taken refuge in a grotto with this exception, however, that the hills, now so barren and bare, were then covered with forests.

Those forests still existed in the Middle Ages, as the records of the Crusades indicate. Since that time Islam has passed over Bethlehem and the Holy Land, and the passing of Islam is like the teeth of the ugly Arab goats. After those animals have gone through a meadow, not a blade of grass remains.

But apart from that the grottoes are still here, adjoining the fields of Boaz and Ruth, and in winter nights they are lit up with camp fires. Bedouins sleep around the fires, and flocks of sheep and goats find shelter from the December cold. Two thousand years ago they were Jewish shepherds who kept their vigil here. There are again Jewish shepherds in Palestine at this time, but they do not live near Bethlehem. They and their colonies are to be found farther north, in Galilee.

RUTH AND BOAZ

The ancient landmarks have, after all, not changed a great deal. It was the field of Boaz that Ruth came to pick up some of the ears missed by the mowers. Boaz saw the comely maiden and fell in love with her. From their union came Obed, who was the ancestor of the Hebrew poet, King David, and David was an ancestor of both Joseph and the Virgin.

If it ever could be said of any town, that it was a town of peace and human brotherhood, this town, surely, Bethlehem answers to that description. Not only are the dice-like houses drawn up out of stone, but the fields are covered with stone and monoliths, mostly grey in the entire stretch of the valley until it gradually dissolves in the Desert of Judea, that in turn does not end till it reaches the Dead Sea.

Turn now to the story of the venerable father: It seems only natural that we of Bethlehem, who have consecrated our lives to the guardianship of the cradle of the Lord, should also have a deep concern for the ideal of peace and human brotherhood that was ushered into this world by the choirs of heaven on the night when Christ was born. And, to be sure, very often, the story of an event through the self-same fields where the shepherds heard the Angels' Hymn, and ask ourselves the question: Is peace any nearer? Has the world at last understood the message of love and justice that he brought from heaven with his birth?

LOOKING BACKWARD

"I have been allotted a long life. Soon I shall have reached the century mark. When I was a boy, in my native Verona, people still talked with awe of Napoleon. Nearly everybody in town had seen him as he passed through Italy with his armies. Those are my earliest recollections, and from that time onward, it seems to me, the history of Europe and of the world has been more war than peace.

"France has gone through four revolutions in my time. Thrones were set up that have been swept away. Kingdoms that existed in my youth have been forgotten. Everywhere the banners of the people have come down, and thunderstorms of war and upheaval. Great meteors flashed in the heavens. I think of Lincoln, Garibaldi and Bismarck, men who filled the world with terror and admiration. Time has borne them away. Others took their places. They disappeared in turn. Hardly a year has passed since I came to Bethlehem, sixty-eight years ago, but some new war broke out.

"Humanity has suffered perhaps more gruesome wars in the last fifty years than ever before.

"And still, I am thankful to have lived till this day. There is, who will deny it, a new and mysterious power at work. There is a will to peace. A strong desire to have done with barbarism.

"I cannot refrain from saying that in the past years we have made discoveries here in Bethlehem which go a long way to refute the doubts and criticism of those who maintain that Christ was not born near the site where now stands the Church of the Nativity.

FAITHFUL WITNESS

"When repairs to the foundations of the church became necessary in June we broke away a section of the flooring. From the aperture emanated an odor of dead air. Armed with torches we descended in the opening, and to our surprise we found ourselves in a grotto, of the same kind and type that we found in the neighborhood of Jerusalem, and which are used by shepherds on stormy nights for shelter for themselves and their flocks.

"All we know from the scriptures is that Christ was laid in a manger, that is to say, in a stable. Here in Bethlehem the grottoes are the stables till this day. There can be no doubt any longer on the correctness of this site. The more since the columns of the first primitive

Grand Old Man of the Auction Block

MR. CHARLES M. HENDERSON of Toronto, "Grand old man of the auction block," died at his home in his eighty-first year. He was Canada's most famous auctioneer and an internationally known figure.

Christian chapel, which stood on the place before the Pagan Emperor Hadrian destroyed it and installed a grove to the lascivious Adonis, are still lying about crumbled and worn in the subterranean crypt, faithful witness of the past.

Obituary

GLOVER—There passed away in this city on Saturday, William Frederick Glover, aged forty-six years, and born in Victoria. He was a member of Vancouver Lodge, No. 2075, F.O.E., and is survived by Mrs. Rachel Bailey Glover, his widow, his mother, Mrs. R. J. Scott of Victoria, four sisters, Mrs. B. Henry and L. J. Bothwell of Vancouver; Mrs. Laura Bain, of Berkeley, Calif., and Mrs. James Boyd, of Seattle.

HILL—There passed away in this city on Sunday, Emma Hill, wife of James Arthur Hill, of 824 Courtney Street, aged sixty-seven years, born in Sheffield, England, and a resident of Victoria for the past nine years. She leaves beside her husband, three daughters, Mrs. E. J. Clarke, of North Battleford, Sask.; Mrs. J. Harding, of Vancouver, and Miss Elsie Hill, of Victoria; also three sons, Messrs. A. H. Hill, J. A. Hill and E. Hill, all of Victoria. The remains are resting at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, from where the funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. Dean Quinlan will officiate. Interment will take place in Ross Bay Cemetery.

CALVERT—The death occurred in this city on Friday of Wilfrid Joseph Calvert, aged twenty-three years, and born at Duncan. The remains are resting at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, from where the funeral will take place on Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock. Interment will take place in Ross Bay Cemetery.

MILES—The remains of the late Ellen Murray Miles are resting at Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel, from where the funeral will take place on Thursday morning at 10:30 o'clock. Rev. Dr. Glen Davies will officiate. Interment will be made in Royal Oak Burial Park.

WILLIS—The remains of the late Edward Charles Willis were laid to rest in Royal Oak Burial Park on Sunday afternoon. The funeral took place from Hayward's B.C. Funeral Chapel at 1:15 o'clock, proceeding to the Metropolitan Church, where service was conducted at 1:30 by Rev. Dr. Wilson in the presence of a very large number of friends. The hymns sung were "Asleep in Jesus," "Blessed Sleep," and "Peace, Perfect Peace"; a solo was also rendered by Mr. Thomas Kelway. "Largo." Numerous beautiful floral offerings covered the casket and hearse. The following acted as pallbearers: Messrs. Thomas Little, Claude Bissell, Dimery Johnson, Professor Walter Gage, Albert Russell and Gilbert McIlroy.

BLAIR—Funeral service for the late Margaret Allison Blair, infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Blair, who passed away this city on Saturday, was held yesterday afternoon from the S. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home. Relatives and immediate friends of the family were present. Rev. A. W. del. Nunn officiated, and Mrs. A. Dowell rendered a solo, "When He Cometh." Interment was made in the Royal Oak Burial Park.

SIPPRELL—There passed away Saturday, after a lingering illness, Mrs. Jennie Ross Sipprell. She leaves her husband, Rev. Dr. W. J. Sipprell, and one daughter, Miss Thelma Sipprell, at the family residence, 916 Johnson Street, also two sisters, Mrs. W. G. Watson, St. Catharines, Ontario, and Mrs. Albert Williams, Auburn, New York; two brothers, William Ross, St. Catharines, Ontario, and Robert Ross, Grand Rapids, Michigan. The remains are resting at the S. J. Curry & Son Funeral Home, and will be conveyed to the family residence on Wednesday morning. Funeral service will be held Wednesday afternoon, December 26, at 3 o'clock from the Metropolitan United Church, Rev. Dr. S. S. Osterhout will officiate, assisted by Rev. Dr. W. G. Wilson. Interment will be made in the family plot at the Royal Oak Burial Park.

Santa for Dogs

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 24.—A Christmas tree festooned with frankfurters greeted dog inmates of the city pound today. Poundmaster Matthew McCurrie said it was in slight mitigation of a dog's life.

STATION YARD BEING FILLED

Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Depot Site Will Soon Be Free of All Old Trestling on South Side

ALTERATIONS IN COMPANY OFFICES

The last portion of the filling in of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway Depot, Store Street, has been started. This area is that upon which the old freight shed was carried on trestles. Gravel is now being dumped in the cavity from which the board flooring has been removed.

Reconstruction of the depot this Summer permitted the use of new quarters for handling freight, and now filling will proceed behind the retaining wall erected in 1927 along the south boundary of the property.

At the time of the construction of the new Johnson Street bridge, the then general superintendent, Mr. H. E. Beesley, had the northern portion filled in place of the original trestling, and when this present work is done the whole yard will be on a substantial foundation.

Structural alterations are also being made at the offices of the Esquimalt & Nanaimo Railway adjoining, to modernize the accommodation, and to enable better centralization of the office records. The manager, Mr. J. M. Cameron, will be in a better condition to handle the business of the company when the alterations have been carried out.

TWENTY-ONE TREES AT HOSPITAL TODAY

Christmas Festivities Began Yesterday With Programmes in Several Wards

The two-day Christmas festivities at the Jubilee Hospital began yesterday with the annual Christmas Eve entertainment given by the Auxiliary Branch of the Women's Auxiliary to the nurses; the Fellowship Club's entertainment both afternoon and evening for the old patients in the hospital; and the carol singing at 10:30 o'clock last night by a choir of forty nurses.

The last incident was enjoyed by practically all the patients in the hospital, all doors being thrown open so that the music could be heard throughout the wards on all floors. After their programme was given on the second floor north, the nurses, who have been preparing for the entertainment for weeks past, went over to the T-B and old surgical wards and repeated the concert in each of these places, giving much enjoyment to the sick folk.

This year no less than twenty-one trees have been put up in the Jubilee Hospital by the nurses or various organizations, which have made themselves responsible for the Christmas entertainment of patients in the different wards. The Fellowship Club's tree for the old people was held yesterday afternoon, and in the evening they gave a delightful concert.

The daughters of Pity also, as usual, have their tree for the children. The Junior Branch of the Women's Auxiliary have erected no less than eleven trees, in the wards on the various floors, one tree in the men's ward on the surgical floor having gifts for each of the twenty-five patients there, another tree being in the women's ward on the same floor, and other trees under the auspices of the same society being in the three sunrooms and the other surgical wards.

The Jubilee Alumnae have supplied their ward with a tree for the six patients there; the Women's Institute have a decorated tree in the second floor sunroom; the Red Cross has a tree in the Fleming ward for the fifteen patients; the Junior Branch W.A. are supplying three trees on the maternity floor; and the Women's Canadian Club ward, which at present has three patients, also has a tree.

Today the Florence Nightingale Chapter, I.O.F.E., is supplying the T-B ward with midday Christmas dinner, and at the same time will distribute gifts from the tree. The programme for the senior nurses' tree last night was given by the probationers. Following their traditional custom several of the directors attended the proceedings and participated in the fun, which was shared by numbers of the patients who were well enough to be present.

City Police Court

Three Chinese, Lee, Billy and Wong, pleaded guilty in the city police court yesterday to charges of being found in a place used for opium smoking and each was fined \$15 and \$250 costs, or one month in jail in default of payment.

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McDowell & Mann

Garrick having a law action coming on to be heard, the Great Lexicographer advised him to get some married witnesses.

Garrick—Sir, what is the difference? Dr. Johnstone—Why, sir, a married man is used to cross-examination.



By Appointment to King George V.

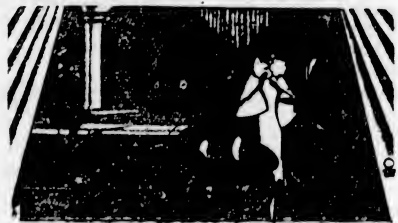
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She—Freddie hasn't been out for an evening or taken a drink for three weeks.
He—Turned over a new leaf?
She—No, he turned over a new car.

Pope Comments on Improved Hope of Recovery of King

ROME, Dec. 24.—All the cardinals resident in Rome called upon Pope Pius today to present their Christmas greetings, in accordance with century-old tradition. The Pope, who this year celebrated fifty years of his ministry, touched on the illness of King George and the apparent averting of hostilities between Paraguay and Bolivia, in his address to the cardinals.

Of King George the Pope said: "We have been afraid and prayed for the life of a sovereign who came so courteously to visit us here, a sovereign in whose empire, the largest in the world, so many millions of Catholics live and prosper in all forms of activities, as the eucharistic congress at Australia so recently has shown. We have feared and prayed for the life of a sovereign who has shown himself so well disposed and benevolent to all these Catholics, and now Divine Providence seems to confirm in our hope of his early return to health."

Bolivia's Claim to Area In Dispute on Frontier Set Out by Its President

Four Times Efforts Have Been Attempted to Settle Dispute in El Chaco Region Between Two Interior Countries of South America—Historical Claims Quoted

Bolivia Asserts Territory Is Hers From Earliest Settlement by Whites

(The Colonist and the North American Newspaper Alliance asked Hernando Siles, President of Bolivia, to present Bolivia's side in its controversy with Paraguay, which he has done in the following article, sent by cable.)

By HERNANDO SILES
President of Bolivia.
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LA PAZ, Bolivia, Dec. 24.—The boundary lines between Paraguay and Bolivia are the Paraguay and Pileomayo Rivers on the Bolivian side of which lies the territory called Chaco Boreal.

Since September 4, 1859, when the Spanish colonial law divided the Audiencia of Buenos Aires from the Audiencia of Charcas—the Bolivia of today—the orders of jurisdiction, exploration and tax collections show very clearly and without doubt that the region between the Pileomayo and Paraguay Rivers belongs in its entirety to the Audiencia of Charcas, which was formed in virtue of the "American Utopias" of 1810.

The most famous historians and geographers of that period unanimously laid down the same lines of demarcation. There was, among other indisputable authorities, the eminent cosmographer, Don Felix de Azara, who was appointed by Carlos III as the commissioner of land demarcations to determine the boundary lines between the Spanish and Portuguese possessions in America.

The Asuncion Cabildo (the town corporation), taking advantage of the visit of Senor Azara to this continent, requested him on March 22, 1792, to draw a map of that territory, together with a historical and geographical description of that land.

"ETERNAL GRATITUDE"
On July 9, the same year, Senor Azara presented the result of his labors. It was so remarkable that the Asuncion Cabildo not only extended to him its "eternal gratitude," but sent to him a special commission with its congratulations, and be-

lieved that Paraguay wished to settle some part of the Chaco Boreal. We immediately sent our plenipotentiary, Antonio Quijarro, to Asuncion, hoping to make a friendly adjustment of our frontier. Senor Quijarro succeeded in making a treaty with Paraguay in October, 1879, which was signed in Paraguay by Jose Segundo Decoud, for that country. This treaty set down the limits of both republics. The boundary line started from the Apa River and ran up the Paraguay River to its confluence with the Pileomayo.

It is important to remark that this treaty was approved by the Bolivian Congress in 1880, and that it was not even submitted to the Paraguayan chambers for consideration.

FURTHER FOURPARLERS
We had to insist on further action. We again requested Paraguay to make a friendly agreement in our boundary dispute. We appointed that time Isaac Tamayo as our rep-

resentative to the Asuncion Government. Senor Tamayo and the Paraguayan, Senor Aceval, signed a treaty setting up the landmarks and mapping out a disputed zone which should be submitted for arbitration to King Leopold II. of Belgium.

A new treaty was signed February 16, 1887. While the Bolivian Congress approved the treaty, the Paraguayan Congress did not even consider it, and its Government, in the meantime, took possession, by force of Puerto Pacheco, which is in the territory Paraguay had already recognized as belonging to Bolivia.

Such a transgression, which shows the international policy of Paraguay, resulted, of course, in our protest and in our declaration of maintaining our rights, as clearly set down in the Quijarro-Decoud Treaty.

ANOTHER EFFORT
In 1890 Bolivia again invited Paraguay to meet for another agreement. For this purpose we sent our representative, Mariano Bautista, with instructions to propose the submission of the entire dispute to an arbitral tribunal. Senor Venancio Lopez, Paraguayan Secretary of State at that time, avoided an answer by alleging that he had "to study the matter with the care required by such an important affair."

The Bolivian Government, with great consideration, in 1894 repeated its previous request for an agreement. The proposal was made by our minister, Telmo Ibañez, to the Paraguayan Government, represented by Gregorio Benítez. But Paraguay did not care to make any agreement whatsoever.

Finally, through the fraternal co-operation of the Argentine Republic, both countries signed the Custer-Diaz Leon Protocol, April 22, 1927. It was agreed that the Bolivian and Paraguayan frontiers should be determined by a conference of Paraguayan and Bolivian plenipotentiaries. It was also agreed, however, that if they could not agree, the conference should mark out the zone of the disputed territory, and submit it to the Argentine Government for decision.

It is unnecessary to go into further details. Everybody knows that the plenipotentiaries were unable to come to an agreement because Paraguay did not wish to make any agreement regarding the boundary.

SOVEREIGNTY TITLE
Other reasons for sustaining our sovereignty are:

First, the several exploratory expeditions led by the Frenchman, Ozeaux, by the Argentinian, Ores Mendosa, by Col. Andrew Rivas, and by Daniel Campos, who reached Asuncion.

Second, the establishment of many missions in the territory by Bolivians.

Third, the founding by our sons towns and villages as Caiza, Bella Esperanza, El Palmas, San Matias, Chuchalla, Dorvigni, Capitania, Villa Montes, Villa Manso and Puerto Pacheco.

Fourth, the land grants we made, and which have been generally recognized without dispute, such as those to Gilden in 1885, the Belgian Company and the North American Company, whose colonizing work covered 400 square leagues in the Chaco, and included many agricultural and cattle breeding enterprises.

Fifth, our official acts of January 22, 1893, which declared Bahia Negra and the so-called Port of Borbon free ports and opened to traffic.

Conscious of her right to this territory, Bolivia was surprised to note

nor was Paraguay willing to outline a zone to be submitted to the Argentine arbitrator.

This Argentine observer, Isidoro Ruiz Moreno, presented to his Government an affidavit containing his conclusions, which received the complete acceptance of the Bolivian plenipotentiaries. In this affidavit was a solemn declaration that any territorial advance made by either country during the arbitration would not give that country a right to the land occupied, nor could any such advance be presented to the arbitrator as a base for the pretensions of the country which made the advance.

The Paraguayan Government refused to accept this declaration, and during all the course of the debates obstinately evaded the principal questions involved in the controversy. Paraguay confined itself to demand for the "status quo" of 1897, entirely ignoring the fact that the protocol which established the "status quo" and set up an arbitral zone already had been declared void by mutual agreement in 1913, by the Ayala-Mujia protocol.

In brief, Bolivia always sent her representatives to Paraguay whenever there seemed a chance of settling the differences in a pacific way, and invited Paraguay on four occasions to submit the dispute to an international arbitrator.

SUMMARY OF CASE

The above facts prove:

First, the tendency and pacific traditions of Bolivia.

Second, the absolute confidence Bolivia has concerning her right to the Chaco Boreal.

Paraguay has refused every possible plan for agreement, and has actively devoted herself to invading our country with armed forces, showing:

First, that Paraguay has no confidence at all in her title to the land in dispute, and no juridical claims.

Second, that the treaties Paraguay has signed with Bolivia were mere tricks.

It would be superfluous to explain the development of the recent incidents which occurred on our frontier. The press of the world has covered that in full, and I am sure the Paraguayan tales cannot alter the just interpretations of men of common sense.

The bloody and audacious taking of the Bolivian Fort Vanguardia had without doubt the same design that Paraguay had when it took Puerto Pacheco—by force of arms, and that which did not belong to Paraguay by right, hoping for time to propitiate the crime of territorial seizure in favor of Paraguay.

Would it be possible for a nation to have a better spirit of conciliation and patience than Bolivia has shown?

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City & District

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Gifts Appreciated—The thanks of The Colonist editorial staff are extended to Mayor-elect Herbert Anscomb and Chief of Police John Fry for gifts of cigars and cigarettes.

Credit to Artist—The etching of Mrs. B. Arnet, of Tonno, which appeared in The Colonist on Sunday, was reproduced from a photograph taken by Connie Studio, of this city.

Building Razed—A fire which broke out during the early hours of yesterday morning destroyed a garage owned by Mr. E. Silburn, of Douglas Street, Saanich. An automobile and motorcycle were also destroyed by the fire.

Here From Mine—Mr. Roy Clithier, who was in charge of the Beaver Mine, in the Greenwood mining division, is in the city spending the Christmas holidays. He will return as soon as possible to the mine, which is showing up well, and which is giving excellent promise.

Funeral of Edward Hubbard—The funeral of Mr. Edward Hubbard, former Victoria-Seattle air pilot, took place yesterday in Seattle. Death having occurred last Tuesday in a hospital at Salt Lake City. Interment was made at Evergreen Cemetery, one of the bearers being Mr. O. Weller, of Victoria.

Extra Holiday Steamers—To take care of the extra holiday traffic, the Princess Royal made an extra sailing for Vancouver for Victoria last night, and will leave as an extra boat for Vancouver this evening. The Princess Mary made a special sailing from here for Vancouver last night, and will run as an extra boat tonight from Vancouver for Victoria.

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Nanose Ladies' Aid

Very successful was the Christmas bazaar held at the Arlington Hall by the Ladies' Aid of the Nanose Mission Church. Over \$100 was the amount cleared by the ladies in their efforts. The hall presented a gay scene with its brightly decorated booths placed in bowers of evergreen and Christmas decorations. Rev. Mr. Arrol, of Parksville, was present and opened the bazaar with a short address. From the opening the sales were very brisk and all booths well patronized. The dainty tea tables, under the supervision of Mrs. R. Orford, Mrs. A. McKenzie and Mrs. P. Jenson, were kept busy all afternoon. Mrs. F. Sherwood and Mrs. B. Bentham supervised the popular bran tub, and had charge of the home cooking. A very attractive and well-patronized booth, which drew in an attractive sum, was that of candy and flowers, conducted by Mrs. G. L. Webster and Mrs. M. J. Williams, assisted by Mrs. Thomas Bolderson, old fancywork and Christmas nov-

elties. Guessing the number of beans in a bottle was won by Mrs. E. Lother, and Mrs. Harry Marks was successful in guessing the length of time the candle burned. In the evening a social time was spent when a programme of amusements was carried out.

C.G.I.T. Council

The regular meeting of the C.G.I.T. Council was held in the Y.W.C.A. on Saturday. The girls met for gymnastics at 5:45 o'clock, and supper was served at 6 o'clock. After supper the girls were given talks by May Pollard, Eva Young and Isabelle Donald. Beatrice Ogilvie played a piano selection. Barbara Daniels and Thelma Lloyd sang a duet. These items were illustrating music of Biblical, Medieval and Modern times. Discussion followed along the same lines.

Qualicum Legion L.A.

The Christmas tree and treat organized by the Ladies' Auxiliary of the Qualicum Legion was a great success, all the organizations contributing willingly, and every child spent a real Christmas day. The committee in charge worked very hard and is to be congratulated on the result.

Princess Patricia Lodge

The regular meeting was held in Harmony Hall on Friday, W.P. Sis-

Some of Victoria's Prize-Winning Babies



PRIZE WINNERS at the baby show in connection with the City Temple circus held last week. Muriel Ainsworth was adjudged the most perfect baby, and other winners were Dorothy Ellis, Darrell Preseau and John Townsend, Margaret June Short, Robert Bayne, Beverly Challoner, Wilfred Gouge, Eileen Clarke, Mary Young, Doris Bradley, James Nutall and Devenay Maloon.

ter Jane presiding. One new member was received by transfer. The Worthy President presented Sister Carter with the W.P.P. pin. Arrangements were made to hold a whist drive on January 4. Sister and brother lodges are cordially invited to attend. Prizes will be given and refreshments served.

To Attend Funeral

The executive of the Presbyterian of the United Church are requested to attend the funeral of Mrs. Shipprell, together, and to be at the church on Wednesday afternoon at 3:15 o'clock.

CONCERT HELD TO MARK NOEL

Successful Gathering Is Organized by Mr. Harold Eustace Key to Observe Yuletide Festival

ELIZABETHAN QUARTETTE AIDS

Sunday evening at the Empress Hotel was made to assume a decidedly Christmas air when the ballroom rang with carols and hymns associated with the season. Holly and other decorations recalled the festive time, while illuminated Christmas trees had a place on the floor of the ballroom.

Under the direction of Mr. Harold Eustace Key, the singing was converted into community numbers in general, which added to the pleasure of the event.

The Elizabethan Quartette, whose singing is one of the outstanding features of the Yuletide festival at the hotel this year, contributed various numbers to the programme. The members of it are: Miss Mary Frances James, soprano; Mrs. Josephine Wood, contralto; Mr. Herbert Hewitson, tenor, and Mr. Harold Eustace Key, bass.

Miss James, lyric soprano, sang the air "Rejoice Greatly" from the Messiah (Handel), and later in the programme the duet, "A Christmas Song" (Colin Taylor), with Mr. Key, their voices blending perfectly. The recitative and aria, "Comfort Ye" and "Every Valley," from the Messiah, gave Mr. Hewitson an excellent opportunity for the display of his vocal gifts. Mrs. Wood's contralto voice was heard to advantage in the Messiah solo and chorus, "O Thou That Tellest."

Two very beautiful numbers were the quartettes by all four singers, "On the Road to Bethlehem" (Sir R. R. Terry) and "How Far Is It to Bethlehem" (Godfrey Shaw). The Empress Hotel concert trio of instrumentalists played admirably in several numbers, notably Buzel's "Angus Del," the gay "Around the Christmas Tree" (Tobain), and the old favorite, "Nazareth" (Gounod); these instrumentalists sharing in the hearty applause which greeted the various numbers on the satisfying programme.

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Health and Diet Advice

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APPLES—GOOD WINTER FRUIT

Almost a thousand varieties of apples have been derived from the parent of them all, the crab, or wild apple. Apples may be cultivated in most of the cool temperate zones of the world, and seem to thrive wherever the oak tree grows.

In the early New England days this fruit was valued chiefly because of its cider products, but with our modern methods of refrigeration apples can now be preserved and eaten raw throughout the year.

It is estimated that the apple crop this year in the United States will be 170,000,000 bushels, fully thirty-three and one-third per cent over the 1927 crop.

A good ripe apple digests quickly, only about ninety minutes being required, but unless the apple has been inactivated thoroughly it has a tendency to ferment internally, producing gas.

During the Fall and Winter months, when apples are so plentiful, it is a good plan to take an exclusive apple diet for a few days, eliminating all other foods, but eating whenever apples are desired. An apple may be taken every two or three hours, or they may be eaten three times daily in place of the regular meals, when two or three apples can be used at a time. An apple may also be eaten each night before retiring if not too close to the evening meal. If taken this way it is a valuable aid to overcoming constipation.

Apples contain from ten per cent to fifteen per cent of fruit sugar, a small amount of protein, and are especially rich in potassium sodium, nitrogen and iron salts, which contribute to the building of bones and the enrichment of blood. The malic acid of the apple is in a negligible quantity, so apples may be considered in the sub-acid class.

APPLESAUCE
Applesauce should be prepared without the addition of sugar. It is quite sweet if cooked without water in a thick aluminum pan. The apples should be thinly sliced, and the pan should have a closed fitting lid and be placed over a slow fire. This makes an excellent dessert to be used either with a protein meal or with breakfast. Baked apples should be likewise cooked in an aluminum pan and no sugar or water added.

APPLESAUCE DRINK
One cup of finely mashed applesauce, one pint of milk, and a level tablespoonful of honey. Shake well and serve cold. This may be used as a meal by itself when one does not feel especially hungry.

APPLE AND SPINACH SOUP
Use two bunches of spinach, washed and finely chopped, four

apples peeled and sliced, three cups of water. Boil these ingredients in a covered pan for about twenty minutes. When cooked add three lumps of butter and serve. This recipe may be used with a meat meal, but should not be used with starches.

BETS AND APPLES

Select two bunches of very small betts. Peel them and cut into slices. Clean the tops, chop, and add to the betts. Boil for about twenty-five minutes, then add four apples peeled and sliced and boil for five minutes longer. Add four level tablespoonfuls of butter and serve.

Correspondents wishing to communicate with Dr. McCoy are advised that his address is Builders Exchange Building, Los Angeles, California, U.S.A.

MR. BLAYLOCK DENIES STORY

CONSOLIDATED NOT PLANNING EARLY PRODUCTION OF HIGH-GRADE STEEL

Electric Furnace Being Installed for Making Castings—Of Ten Tons Capacity

TRAIL, Dec. 24.—Respecting a recent dispatch from Victoria, B.C., stating that the Consolidated Mining & Smelting Company of Canada would be turning out early in the year ten tons of high grade steel daily from a plant developed in the last two years, using an electric method and deriving its supply of raw material from other Trail plants, S. G. Blaylock, vice-president and general manager, has issued from Trail the following signed statement:

"The Canadian Press dispatch relating to the production of high-grade steel at Trail is not correct. The Trail plant is installing an electric steel furnace for making steel castings which will easily have ten tons daily capacity.

"It has also been running a thirty-ton electric furnace for the last two years on research work in connection with various problems, including the smelting of ore and the manufacture of various grades of iron.

"There are, however, no plans which contemplate the immediate production of high-grade electrolytic steel by this company. (Signed) S. G. Blaylock."

Tribute Paid to Personality of His Majesty

By U.S. Naval Officer

An interesting interview with an officer of the United States Navy, Captain E. L. Beach, appears in the Palo Alto Times, in which the officer expresses his appreciation of His Majesty the King. The interview was given to Mr. Harold R. Stevens, M.A., a native son of Victoria, who is employed on the Palo Alto paper.

The story, as it appears, is headed "King's Kind Personality Recalled by Palo Alto Man." It reads as follows: "Side glance on the personality of King George of England, who lies dangerously ill in Buckingham Palace, were given this morning by Capt. E. L. Beach, of Palo Alto, who, as commander of the New York flagship of the American fleet during the world war, had opportunity to meet the monarch. The King, a naval officer by training, quite often visited the American flagship, not as a sovereign but as an admiral of the British Navy.

"King George was educated as a naval officer rather than as a king," Captain Beach recalled. "He received the regular training of a midshipman and was not excused from its hardships. After passing through the ranks of lieutenant and commander, the king served as captain of the cruiser Magicienne, which was always known as an efficient ship. England was proud of its sailor prince.

"The sudden death of his elder brother, the Duke of Clarence, changed his prospects, but he continued in the naval service, going through each grade. Today he has the actual rank of admiral of the fleet which came to him through seniority of service and not because he was king.

"As King of England George V has been particularly pleasing personally to the British people because he has lived the life of a good man. He has realized that the King of England does not rule or guide the country, and he has accepted wholeheartedly the principle that the people of England by their own choice determine who their governors shall be and what shall be the policies. Whatever political opinions he has had, the King has never voiced them in public speech, nor is there record of his attempting to influence political parties on any subject. He reigns but does not rule. At the same time he retains the complete admiration and affection of those who do rule and those who select the rulers. Outside of the political sphere he is a potent force in English affairs.

"In his personal dealings with men and women he is always kindly in manner. One is never reminded by his own actions that he is the monarch of Great Britain, and yet one never forgets it when with him. For example, with his own social intimates he lives the life of an ordinary cultured, intelligent gentleman. To see him at a dinner party surrounded by these intimates a stranger would have difficulty in picking out from anything said which of the group was the King of England. It is the custom of his intimates when first meeting him on a day to address him once as your majesty. Never again during that day will that term be used, except

at official ceremonies. It is quite certain that no Englishman would ever address him as 'sir.'

SCHOOL HOLDS FINE CONCERT

Pupils of Sir James Douglas School Take Part in Well-Directed Christmas Programme

A delightful concert was held by the Sir James Douglas School during the latter part of last week, in the Victoria High School auditorium. Trustee George Jay acted as chairman. The programme consisted of twenty-one numbers, most of which had Christmas settings.

The little children of Divisions 11 and 12 deserve special mention for their "Mother Goose Plays," which they played clearly and well.

In little Dorothy Sherratt, the pupils of Divisions 9 and 10 had a fairy queen whom they appeared to acclaim with real joy.

The intermediate school numbers were equally enjoyable, and consisted of dancing and song items, together with two longer numbers. A play, "Tom Sawyer at Work," was well done and deserved the laughter it created. A gymnastic display by Mr. Clark and a group of boys of Divisions 1 and 7 was perhaps the most outstanding item of the evening. The trained crows of Division 8, with their black bodies, rigid tails and long beaks, caused much merriment as they "cawed" their way in an amazing dance.

The programme for the evening follows:

"O Canada," Play, "A Christmas Surprise," Divisions 11 and 12; recitation, R. Rose; violin solo, Marion Hays; action songs, "The Maids of Japan," "The Jolly Cow-boys," Divisions 9 and 10; dance, Lloyd Stenton; Trained Crows' Christmas Drill, Division 8; pianoforte solo, Joyce Apostles; song, "The Fairy Queen," Divisions 9 and 10; Rheinlander dance, Divisions 1 and 4; banjo songs, Divisions 5 and 6; dances, "Bean Setting," "Hay-makers," Divisions 5 and 7; gymnastic display, Divisions 1 and 7; dance, Doreen Bentley; recitation, Bill Whitener; play, "Tom Sawyer at Work," Division 8; skating dance, Divisions 1 and 4; pianoforte solo, Joyce Morrow; Shadow Scenes: "Bloodless Surgery," "A Visit to the Dentist," "Cowboy and Indian," Division 3; carols, "The King."

Calendars will be given away by Mr. F. H. Wells, Arcade Hairdressing Parlors, all day Wednesday.



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Coming-of-Age Party

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Marriage Announced

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stott, of 1949 Crescent Road, announce the marriage of their only daughter, Jessie, to Samuel Leonard Simpson, only son of Mr. and Mrs. E. H. Simpson, of Massett, B.C. The wedding took place in Seattle. The young couple will leave tomorrow for their new home at Port Mellon, B.C.

Visitors Here

Among the guests at the James Bay Hotel are Dr. and Mrs. A. Milroy, Mrs. A. M. Waters, Mr. J. Wilcox, Vancouver; Mr. H. K. Cassels, Brentwood; Mr. John Brander, Winnipeg; Mrs. A. H. Kayll, Mill Bay; Messrs. William and J. A. Beaton, New Westminster, and Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Brophy, Beaver, Washington.

Leaving for Hong Kong

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Jones, Rockland Avenue, have heard by cable that their youngest daughter, Mrs. Oliver, who has been living at Aden, Arabia, since her marriage, will leave for Hong Kong on January 13. Captain Oliver is to be transferred to Hong Kong for three years' service.

From Langley, B.C.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Sutherland, with their little daughter, Miriam, arrived yesterday afternoon from Langley, B.C., to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Cobbett, Shakespeare Street.

Leave for Mainland

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Bickle, 1317 Pandora Avenue, left on Sunday night to spend the Christmas holidays with their daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. G. Millcham, Vancouver, B.C.

Leaves for Vancouver

Mrs. M. Sweeney, of 528 Trutch Street, left yesterday to spend Christmas with her son, Mr. Leo Sweeney and family, of 2495 Tenth Avenue West, Vancouver, B.C.

Here for Holidays

Mr. and Mrs. Barry Turnbull, of Duncan, with their small daughter, Phoebe, are spending the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Turnbull's father, Mr. William Atkins, Craigflower Road.

From California

Miss V. Salmon, R.N., of the staff of Santa Monica Hospital, California, is spending Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. P. Salmon, of Mitchell Street.

Christmas Holiday Guests

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Here from Interior

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At James Bay Hotel

Dr. and Mrs. Donald and Miss Jean Donald are spending Christmas at the James Bay Hotel.

To Spend Christmas Here

Dr. and Mrs. Frank Kenny, of Kamloops, will spend Christmas here with friends.

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Mr. Rankin Mudge, of Consort, Alberta, is spending a few weeks in Victoria.

Douglas Hotel Cabaret

The spirit of the New Year will reign supreme at the Douglas Hotel cabaret, New Year's Eve. Each guest will be given quantities of confetti, serpentine, noise-makers, etc. Tommy and Les and an augmented cast of entertainers will provide a novel programme of special New Year's entertainment. The price set by the management will include everything and no extra charges will be made.

This will be a night to be remembered and a real New Year's evening will be afforded all those who attend. The orchestra will also be augmented with several additional pieces for the occasion. Some of the choice tables are still available and the management suggests that all those who desire reservations, make them as soon as possible.

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Wedding Takes Place at Bride's Home

A pretty wedding took place on Saturday evening, at the home of the bride's parents, Lancaster Road, Saanich, when Agnes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. A. Sjolander became the bride of Mr. William Stubbs, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Stubbs, Ralph Street, Saanich. The drawing-room, in which the ceremony took place, was beautifully decorated, and during the service, which was performed by Rev. W. G. Wilson, the bride and groom stood beneath an arch of pink and white chrysanthemums, from which three large wedding bells were suspended.

The bride, who was given in marriage by her father, wore a becoming gown of ivory white velvet, draped to one side and caught with a corsage of pearls. Her wedding veil was held in place with a corsage of orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of Ophelia roses, carnations and fern. She was attended by her sister, Miss Marie Sjolander, who wore a charming frock of yellow georgette and a wreath of French flowers in her hair. She carried pink and white carnations and fern. Mr. H. G. Roush, of Jordan River, was best man.

After the ceremony a reception, attended by about sixty-five friends of the bride and groom, was held. The bride's mother wore a gown of beige crepe de Chine, and Mrs. Stubbs, mother of the groom, wore a smart gown of grey georgette. The bride's groom left to spend their honeymoon in Los Angeles. The bride wearing a rose frock, blue felt hat and smart blue coat trimmed with Alaskan sable. Mr. and Mrs. Stubbs will live at Wellington, B.C.

Sooke Social News

Mrs. P. R. Hewer has left for Regina, where she will spend the winter as a guest of her son, Mr. Wilfred Hewer.

Mr. Desmond Howard is a visitor in Sooke.

Mrs. Phillip Snape and family are spending the Christmas holidays at their home here.

Mr. C. A. Lucas has gone to Vancouver for a few days.

Mr. J. Sanderson, of Duncan, is a guest of Mr. and Mrs. G. Throup for a few days.

Miss V. Willett is visiting in Victoria as a guest of Mr. and Mrs. P. Rayment, Linden Avenue.

GUIDES BUSY WITH CHRISTMAS "TURNS"

Rangers, Guides and Brownies Assist Children With Yuletide Cheer

The Girl Guide companies have all been busy with their Christmas "good turns," chiefly for children who do not get as much of the fun and good things of the season as themselves.

Lady Douglas Company packed a hamper for a large family in whom they are interested. The hamper included a small Christmas tree with presents for a girl from the Interior who has spent many months in a Victoria hospital. They are also giving a Christmas party for a young girl who has been in a hospital. The Girl Guide companies have already sent hampers of Christmas cheer. St. Margaret's company showed the continuance of their interest in the Solartian by sending a gift of fancy soap and a Santa Claus costume. Gonzales and Jeanne d'Arc Companies are sending hampers.

The Girl Guide companies have been for some time making gifts which were taken to Christ Church Cathedral on Christmas Eve, when they were distributed to those for whom they were designed. The Edith Cavell Company has been writing through Christ Church Cathedral, to children in the Peace River district and is giving joy to these little pioneers by sending out twenty parcels, and to one big family containing six children they are sending a hamper.

Gonzales Brownie Pack are sending hampers to the Orphanage as well as books and toys. The Ranger Company have been busy in preparing Christmas gifts for a party they gave on Christmas Eve to which thirty children were invited.

L'ALLIANCE FRANCAISE

The date of the lecture on Syria to be given by Comte Jean de Suzannet under the auspices of L'Alliance Francaise, will be the evening of January 28 in Victoria. The lecture will be given in the college on January 14. This is a correction, other dates having been given for both lectures.

Kitty McKay

By Miss Wilcox Peltman

"I wonder if I've got him this time," thought Buster.

Of course, Buster was quite right. That was a trap and it had been set by two men whose pigs Buster had stolen. That is, this man with the help of another had built and set it.

It was a couple of days after Buster had sprung the trap that the trapper came to visit it. When he saw that the trap had been sprung and the door was closed, he was greatly pleased. "I wonder if I've got him this time," thought he, as he cautiously approached the trap. For a few moments he listened: first on one side and then on the other. He was listening for the sound of a pig as he came to the trap. "It was that Bear!" said he, most decidedly. "He climbed up on top of the trap and Ed saw him from up there. Well, all is I'll have to set it again."

So the trapper went to work and set the trap once more. Then, only a short distance away, and at a point where he knew from the tracks that Buster had been in the habit of standing to stare at that trap, he set another trap. This trap was wholly different. It was a steel trap with great wicked-looking jaws. It was a powerful, ugly looking thing. The spring on it was so strong that the trapper had to use a lever to force them down. He took

To Reside in Vancouver



MRS. C. E. THOMAS, who, with her husband and three daughters, will leave early in January for Vancouver, where they will make their future home. Several parties have been arranged in honor of Mrs. Thomas prior to her departure.

St. Ann's Kindergarten

Has Closing Exercises

At the Christmas closing of St. Ann's Kindergarten held on Thursday afternoon, a happy little programme, faultlessly carried out, gave great pleasure to the audience of parents and friends and general satisfaction to the teaching staff of St. Ann's Academy, who, with Sister Superior, were in attendance.

The large room with its gaily decorated blackboards and festoons of ivy with holly was most attractive, and the children were particularly spontaneous in their pretty songs and dances. Three little girls, Levene Linskill, Irene Quagliotti and Verna de Macedo, sang a graceful action song of welcome, followed by a class song to the old familiar "Jingle Bells," and a little violin solo by Teddy Spencer. A recitation, "Jes Before Christmas," was cleverly presented by eleven little girls, who also recited Christmas poems and sang carols. A very sprightly dance, "Christmas Bells," combining all the figures of the right-hand reel, by the following little girls, Verna de Macedo, Irene Quagliotti, Audrey Panthorpe, Marie Longpre, Eileen Hickey, Joyce Leavitt, Josephine Dobbin, Anne Kelly, Master Bernard Costello was heard with pleasure in a recitation, "My Little Bedroom"; an acrostic, "Merry Christmas," was recited by Teddy Roor, Bernard Linskill, Jackie Evers, Edith Hunter, Clarice Gullmann, Molly White, Hazel Hutchinson, Kathleen Roor, Betty Brady, Mary Jessamin, Walter Cownden, John Alexander, Dickie Alexander and Betty Hutchinson.

Two violin solos by little Teddy

Spence, "Blue Bells of Scotland" and "Home, Sweet Home," preceded a rousing chorus, "Jolly Old Santa Claus," during the singing of which old Santa himself arrived laden with a huge bag of gifts, which were distributed to the excited children with much merry-making on the part of the jolly old gentleman. Nobody was forgotten from Sister Superior to the smallest child, and additional presents were found in the press and on the prettily decorated tree which adorned the stage. The national anthem, a violin solo, brought the happy afternoon to an early close.

SCHUBERT CLUB CONCERT

The Schubert Club, of Victoria, conducted by Mr. Frederic King, gave a most varied and delightful programme at the Y.W.C.A. at 3 o'clock Sunday afternoon. A most enthusiastic audience filled the cheery parlors to overflowing. The well-known carol, "Silent Night," was the opening number. This was followed by "Good King Wenceslas," the solo being taken by Miss Stephens. Following these were "Sing Noel," "Children Before the Infant Jesus (Brahms)," "Sleep, Holy Babe" (Jennings Burnett), "Say, 'Where is He Born' (Mendelssohn)," "All My Heart This Night Rejoices" (Gough-Leigher), Mrs. William Ellis rendered most sweetly "Nativity" and "St. Nicholas Day in the Morning," and Miss Florence Noel's "Christmas Bells" and "Birth of a King," which were worthy of sincere praise. The closing numbers were the choruses, "Adoration of the Shepherds" (fourteenth century Castilian Nativity song), "Tryste Nowe" (G. P. Bullard), and "A Christmas Legend" (Perch Buck). Following this, the entire assemblage sang "God Save the King." The afternoon entertainment was a rare musical treat, and great praise is due to the choir, Mr. King and the excellent accompanist, Miss Lenore Brumpton. At the close, the board Alexander and Betty Hutchinson.

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Adventures in Arabia

By W. B. SEABROOK

CHAPTER I

Pouad Taimani, my guide, was plainly nervous. Indeed, the landscape was not calculated to inspire confidence. We had ridden for days through that desolation, down from the Hauran toward the ancient wilderness of Moab, and were now approaching a range of ugly, barren hills.

The English that Pouad had learned in mission school was quaint but not courageous.

"Alas, my sir, the grain is few. The Bedou are enfeebled. I fear that they may fall upon us and spoil us."

As we entered the hills, he continued: "I pray you, sir, let us go swiftly, for this spot is evil. It was here but yesterday, hard by, as we were warned in Ramhah, that the Bedou fell upon a man and despoiled him of his camel, and when he cried out and ran after them, they deprived him also of his life."

I was not particularly afraid of being deprived of my life, for while the Bedou are professional robbers, they seldom kill foreign as close as we were to the French and British posts. A mere robbery—even though accompanied by occasional native bloodshed—entails little consequence of the marauders; but the murder of a European is habitually followed by airplanes and hangings. If they can't catch the guilty ones, they hang a few of their cousins or fellow tribesmen.

As a matter of fact, we passed through these hills unmolested, without seeing a living soul.

On the following day, however, among the rock gorges less than six hours' ride from Amman, Pouad, who was some paces ahead of me in the narrow defile, turned a sharp angle, and exclaimed with bitter finality: "Ya wall immil! (alas, what grief for my mother!)"

In the instant before my mare's head also came around the angle, I failed to understand the significance of his mournful ejaculation. I couldn't imagine what he had come upon in this lonely spot that might cause grief to an old woman back in the hills of the Lebanon. I invented a long-lost second son, lying dead or wounded in our path.

I was totally unprepared when confronted instead by six dirty and evil-looking men on horseback, with rifles across their saddle pommels. Even then I was not sure they meant to rob us, for no weapon was leveled, and no rifle or pistol was raised at any moment during the queer little drama that ensued.

It turned afterward that the men had been "engaged" by two of their companions who were dismounted and hidden among those rocks.

After his first cry of pain, Pouad behaved splendidly. He had exchanged some words, which I could not follow, with the Bedouin who seemed to be in command, and now said to me: "Our lives shall be spared, but we must be deprived of all our goods. And they meant also to deprive us of our horses. Yet the garments upon our backs may remain to us, and our water bag, that we may proceed by foot to Amman."

This programme, which Pouad seemed ready to accept with Oriental fatalism, seemed highly distasteful to me. Amir Amin Arslan had discussed such emergencies at great length, back in his palace at Beirut, and had drilled me thoroughly in what he advised as the best way to meet them.

I held up my right hand palm forward, and said partly in bud Arabic, and partly in English which Pouad had to translate: "Ana wahid al-Bedouin (I am in the face of all Bedouins) and bear upon my body the proof. I come unarmed, and not under the protection of the fabled flying machines, but under that of your own desert laws. I am already dhaif (a guest) protected by the sanctuary laws in the black tents, for I go to my brother, Mikhal Pasha, sheik of sheiks. I am dhaif (invincible) to you and to all Bedouins, so that if you take sight from me, shame will be upon you and upon your tribe. If you are in great want, I will give you freely all that I possess, even my horses, and my water bag, and the little gold you know I carry in my purse, even the clothing from my back. But I must offer them as gifts: for if you take by force one raiment from my horse's shoe, your faces will be blackened and the shame will be upon your tribe."

My little oration was met with scowls and mutterings. "They say," Pouad explained, "that these are strange words from a foreigner—and that the desert laws are only for the people of the desert—also that you are a guest, and a liar—but they are puzzled that you should offer all that you have as gifts."

"Are there those among you who can read Arabic?" I asked. Fortunately for us, two of them could. I produced my precious letters, signed by Amir Amin Arslan, the first a general letter of safe conduct in the desert, which read:

"In the name of Allah, the Merciful, the Compassionate. This man is in my face, and in the face of Mikhal Pasha el Fayz, sheik of sheiks of the Beni Sakhr, with

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Mrs. E. Proulx, 10548 90th St., Edmonton, Alta., writes:—"I suffered from indigestion and was afraid to eat I suffered so after a friend told me how she used to suffer with the same thing and how

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whom, if he is touched, will be blood feud."

They peered at it together, mumbling the words, and then read it aloud to their surly companions. They passed it about from hand to hand, and all had a look at it.

It would make a charming denouement to say that they became immediately friendly, embraced us as brothers, and took us to their tents as honored guests—but human nature is not like that, except in fiction. They were angry and disappointed. Luckily for us, they were straggling members of a tribe that couldn't risk trouble with the powerful Beni Sakhr, and after a few words of muttered apology, they reined their horses aside, and motioned us to pass on.

"Would it not be better," I whispered to Pouad, "to offer them a couple of pounds in friendship?"

"No," he said, "if they had dared to take anything, they would have taken all."

The city of Amman, which we reached that afternoon—ancient Philadelphia to the archaeologists who take keen interest in its Greco-Roman ruins, and famed in still earlier Bible history as capital of the Ammonite kingdom whose people David conquered and tortured with "saws and harrows of iron"—was like a little paradise with its green trees and streams and fountains, after our hard, hot journey.

Old Jeremiah's prophecy that the Lord would "rear from on high" and make Amman "a desolate heap, no more remembered," had—fortunately for my convenience—been unfulfilled. Amman today is the busy capital of Transjordan, ruled over by the Amir Abdullah, under British supervision. The handsome modern Oriental palace they have built for him braves Jehovah's wrath and floats the green flag of Islam from Amman's highest hill.

More to my immediate purpose was the native hotel, where I had a noble bath, in stone outhouse, off the cat-infested back yard, deluged to my heart's content by gallons of water that poured down from a huge zinc tank suspended by chains from the ceiling. A fat, motherly old woman, no whit embarrassed by my nakedness, stood in the doorway with towels and a three-legged stool and my clothes. I guessed her to be a Christian, and so she was—a native of Beit Lachem (Bethlehem).

And from her, later in the evening, we had the last Christian meal I was destined to taste for many weeks—a meal that I looked back on longingly when in the desert. It consisted of four quarts of beer, fresh butter, bread in the loaf, and an enormous platter of fried eggs.

We slept like logs, atop the counterpane of the bed, with our own blankets as covering—a simple arrangement that frequently discourages the "biter of blankets." A bright light kept burning in the room offers an additional protection.

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Best Mare in Dominion



QUEEN of Willowsdale, a mare owned by Don-Alda Farms, of which Dr. R. M. Jenkins is superintendent, achieved a fine series of wins at the Guelph Agricultural Show last week, being named senior and grand champion, and in addition capturing the Walker House trophy as best Canadian mare, and the Bright Special and Silver Medal of the Clydesdale Horse Society of the United Kingdom of Great Britain. Don-Alda Farms also won the reserve senior and reserve grand championships with Sceniland Bell, and the junior championship with Lucy Carbrook. Don-Alda entries in addition took firsts in the yearling filly, three-year-old and four-year-old classes.

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Our Shop Will Remain Closed.

Our January Clearance Sale of Dresses, Coats
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Christmas Day at 3:30 P.M.

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Gallery	50c	from 10 to 12.	
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MINISTER HAS ARRIVED HOME

Hon. N. S. Loughheed, Public Works
Minister, Back From Trip to
Ottawa

Hon. N. S. Loughheed, Minister of
Public Works, has returned to the
city after a trip East, which was
undertaken by the minister largely
on private business but, during
which tour he took occasion to visit

Ottawa and discuss some matters, in
conjunction with Premier Talmie,
relative to his department with the
authorities at the Federal capital.
His mission was very satisfactory,
and Loughheed was accompanied
East by his sister, Miss Ethel Lough-
heed. Another sister, Miss Margaret
Loughheed, has returned to Victoria
with them. She has considerable
repute as an artist, and had been in
Paris, Illinois, for nearly two months
filling commissions in the matter of
paintings.

Mr. C. Vanderbilt, Jr. Denies Cheque Story

ST. LOUIS, Dec. 24.—Cornelius
Vanderbilt, Jr., here last night on
his way west, denied he had been
given a \$1,000,000 Christmas cheque
by his father, General Cornelius
Vanderbilt. He said, however, that
he was "back in" the good graces of
his family and had \$3,000,000 for his
newspaper creditors.

"The general did not give me a
cent," he added. "I had all this \$3-
000,000 coming to me."

MODERN EMPEDOCLES

AUCKLAND, N.Z., Dec. 24.—(Van-
couver Province Cable).—"This
will do me," said a middle-aged,
unknown man, who committed
suicide Sunday by leaping into the
boiling pool at Rotorua, centre of
the famous thermal region. In the
presence of helpless, horrified spec-
tators, he was boiled alive.

The body was later recovered by
means of grappling irons.

Auntie: "I notice your dolly doesn't
cry 'Mamma' when she is squeezed
now."
Modern Child: "No, auntie; but
you forget this is her second season
out."

Wednesday Night

Wardle's Christmas Party

Immortalizing One of Dickens' Most
Celebrated Episodes From
Pickwick Papers

CRYSTAL GARDEN THEATRE

Wednesday, December 26, at 8:30

With a Special Cast Directed by Major L. Bullock-Webster

Popular Prices. \$1.00 Reserved; 50c Unreserved

Reviving Old-Time Christmas Merriment



PART of the time-hallowed fes-
tivities that will preserve the
spirit of Christmas past during the
Yuletide Festival will be a play that
is being produced at the Crystal
Garden on Wednesday night. The
production, dramatised by Frances
Roche, of Toronto, is an extract
from Dickens' immortal "Pickwick
Papers," giving an insight into the
jovial revelry of the early nine-
teenth century in Old England.

Here we have the genial char-
acters depicted by Dickens stepping
into real life. The three scenes are
laid in the Wardle home at Dingley
Dell, Pickwick, with his round
person encased in the clinging cos-
tume that the gentlemen of the
period affected, stepping the light

fantastic, or pacing the lively mea-
sures of Sir Roger de Coverley, and
eluding the too-forward maidens
under the hanging mistletoe. Old
Mrs. Wardle, by the fireplace, with
her sons of long ago; the fat boy
who slept when he couldn't eat; Bob
Sawyer and the charming Arabella
Allen; the portly Mr. Tupman and
all the characters to whom Dickens
has given life and breath, his story
faithfully reproduced by a company
of actors and actresses under the di-
rection of Major L. Bullock-Webster.

The cast which will play "Wardle's
Christmas Party" includes: Claire
Vincent, Ellen Macpherson, Dave
McHarris, Jack Davis, P. Edmund
Corby, Mrs. Colin Cummins, Ernest
Slack, Keith Edgell, Henry Worth-

ington, Roy Goldfinch, Ethel Bale,
Roy Cox, Jim Maket, Geraldine
Rutherford-Shaw, D'Arcy Bale,
Marian Corby, Mrs. L. B. Walker,
May Murray, Dorothy Cox and D.
Josephine Murray.

Special costumes of the period
have been procured for this produc-
tion and necessary settings have
been designed by Mr. A. M. D. Pal-
ladium, secretary to His Honor R.
Randolph Bruce, Lieutenant-Gov-
ernor of British Columbia.

There will be two performances
of the production during the festi-
val, the first on Wednesday evening,
December 26, and the following on
January 3, both in the Crystal Gar-
den theatre.

At The Playhouses

TALKIE FILM WINS INSTANT SUCCESS

First Hearing at Dominion Theatre
Appeals to Packed Audiences
Every Time

Mothers, when love comes into
the life of your daughters, don't
stifle it, or you may suffer the con-
sequences.

"Mother Knows Best," Fox Film's
visualisation of Edna Ferber's popu-
lar and internationally discussed
story of the stage, a stage child and
her stage mother.

"Mother Knows Best" was first
shown in this city yesterday at the
Dominion Theatre and proved to be
a big success.

Its unfolding shows Madge Bel-
lamy, first as a mere child strug-
gling through audience ridicule on
amateur night, but with a mother,
played by Louise Dresser, un-
daunted by her failure. Then we
see the sacrifices the mother and
daughter make, the baptism of fire
and eventually success, Broadway,
the lights, the theatre named after
the girl and then—disillusionment,
for, after reaching the goal, success
and all else is but a tunnel to the girl
into whose life has come her first
romance—a boy and love. Then
comes the fight of her mother to
stifle that love. Her success is cost-
ly for the girl and for her.

It is a human document that is
poignant drama, splendidly di-
rected, notable for the fine dramatic
work of Madge Bellamy, a revela-
tion when one considers that,
hitherto, she has been limited to
light and frivolous roles, emphasizing
the versatility of the charming
actress, for she gives marvelous im-
pressions of famous stage stars, and
highly colored by the superb por-
trayal of the mother role by the al-
ways accomplished and wholly
adorable Louise Dresser.

REG. DENNY DOES HILARIOUS FARCE

"The Night Bird," at Capitol This
Week, Proves Clever and
Entertaining

"The Night Bird," which opened
at the Capitol Theatre yesterday, is
the most hilarious Reginald Denny
comedy seen yet—and that is say-
ing a lot about our favorite com-
edian's newest production when you

AMUSEMENTS

Capitol—Reginald Denny in
"The Night Bird."

Coliseum—"The Opening
Night," starring Claire
Windsor.

Columbia—Lewis Stone in
"The Golden Snare."

Dominion—"Mother Knows
Best," starring Madge Bel-
lamy.

ON THE STAGE

Playhouse—Parker Musical
Co. offer "Bibbs and Bibbs."

Royal—Welsh Imperial
Singers.

remember "Good Morning, Judge,"
and a few others.

This is an entirely new story. It
is about a prize fighter and plays it
with the grace of a veteran.

On the stage is presented that
fine old pantomime, "The Babes
in the Wood," produced by
Peggy Lewis, the popular
actress. Miss Lewis is co-starring
with that intrepid comedian, Jack
Reed, the popular Capitol M.C.
The dancing is put on by the pupils
of the Lewis School of Dancing,
by courtesy of Dorothy Wilson.

The excellent costuming of the en-
tire party is due to the fine work of
Mrs. A. F. Cunningham. This play,
with all its songs, dances and a
superb staging and lighting, will
long be remembered locally by old
and young as one of the most
seasonable and enjoyable pantom-
imes. It will be offered twice
daily.

PLAYHOUSE Step lively if you
THEATRE want to catch "Taxi
13," the speedy FBO
comedy of a nightwatch cabby's
hilarious experience in and out of
gambles which has been pack-
ing 'em in at the Playhouse Theatre.
With Chester Conklin in the fea-
tured role of Andy Smith, the taxi
driver, who gets his ancient auto
into range of police bullets through
his innocent connection with a band
of burglars, "Taxi 13" develops a
broad vein of comedy blended with
suspense and a most amusing melo-
dramatic thrills. It was produced
for FBO by Marshall Neilan, who
has long ranked among the ace
directors of the profession.

COLISEUM A retired old million-
THATRE aire and his wife sat
chatting over a noon-
day luncheon in the sunny patio of
their palatial Winter home in Los
Angeles' exclusive Wilshire district.
Outside a motion picture company
was actively engaged in "shooting"
dramatic sequences for Columbia
Pictures' "The Opening Night,"
now showing at the Coliseum The-
atre. Somewhere in the distance, Miss
Ruth Benick is seen as "Celle"—a
North Country elf who has for her
only companions half-wild wolf-
dogs that haunt the wastes of the
Arctic barrens. Other men-
tioned cast are such well-known play-
ers as Wallace Beery, Melbourne
MacDowell, Francis MacDonald,
DeWitt C. Jennings and Wellington
Player.

WELSH SINGERS AT ROYAL TONIGHT

Famous Choir in Recital Under
Auspices of Gyro This Evening
and Wednesday

The Welsh Imperial Singers, ap-
pearing for the first time tonight
at the Royal Theatre, bring a new
repertoire to the concert stage.
They have rediscovered the wonders
of Elizabethan music, and their
concerts, madrigals, folk songs,
ballads and canons are revela-
tions of beauty. They sing their
entire programme in English.
Theirs is the perfect diction of
British born, and the words of their
songs are poems of exquisite grace
and loveliness. Their work brings
pride to every English speaking
person. They reveal the glories of
the English tongue. The Welsh
Imperial Singers demonstrate the
last word in part singing. Practi-
cally all of their programme is
rendered a capella, and the com-
bination of these male voices pro-
duces an ensemble of unbelievable
beauty. At last, a programme for
both the discriminating musician
and the lay listener.

The joy of hearing a programme
every word of which is both intel-
ligible and understandable with
poetry and music that is equally
refreshing, beautiful, humorous and
entertaining, constitutes a delight
entirely new to old and young,
musical and unmusical alike. And
this very joy is likewise a decided
novelty in an age of modernistic
impressionism and flamboyant ma-
terialism. "Why don't we have
this sort of thing often?" is the
silent question on every face and on
every lip after a concert by the
Welsh Imperial Singers.

The answer is because it requires
plenty of brains and good temper
also power to forget that you are
impressed in particular and to think
only of the music. Madrigals and

FLU INVADERS SOUTH
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The Daily Cross-Word Puzzle



ACROSS

- Shall.
- Natives of Poland.
- Confusion.
- Collegiate degree (ab.)
- Age.
- Southern State (ab.)
- Employ.
- Prefix; into.
- Certain elements.
- Minute organism.
- Italian river.
- Bronze coin of Rome.
- Wild hogs.
- Those who keep a record of a race.
- Ourselves.
- Alongside of.
- Mohammedan dignitary.
- A State (ab.)
- A Western State (ab.)
- Indestructible unit.
- Heart.

DOWN

- Part of Britain.
- Mountain in Crete.
- Behold.
- Brazilian city.
- Part of New York State (ab.)
- Before.
- Transmit.
- Sing.
- Feminine pronoun.
- Wing of a house.
- A superlative.
- Mineral springs.
- Pathos.
- Either.
- Twist.
- Swedish coin.
- Manner.
- Traveller through water.
- In case that.
- Pay attention.
- Self.
- Obstruction.
- Indefinite article.
- Prefix; together.

ANSWER TO SUNDAY'S PUZZLE

Columbia Pictures presents
CLAIRE WINDSOR
THE OPENING NIGHT
with **JOHN BOWERS**
and **E. Alyn Warren**
Directed by **L. H. Griffith**

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Actually Speak Their Parts

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"THE FAMILY PICNIC"
FOX MOVIE TONE NEWS

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The Babes in the Wood
Produced by Peggy Lewis
Dancing by Students of
Dorothy Wilson Russian
Ballet School
Costuming by
Mrs. A. F. Cunningham

THE SCREEN
Rev. Dr. J. Remison, officiated at the fu-
neral of Mrs. Marion Florence Lowe
Nesbitt, sixty-five, of 1148 Thurlow
Street, which was held at 11 o'clock
this morning. Interment was in the
family plot, Mountain View Ceme-
tery. Mrs. Nesbitt was the widow of
Samuel Nesbitt, and is sur-
vived by one daughter, Mrs. Spencer
L. Barnes; one son, George Dix-
on Nesbitt, both of this city; one
sister, Mrs. L. N. B. Dodd, of Vic-
toria; and two brothers, H. R. Ellis
and F. W. Ellis, both of Victoria.

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Continuous 2 to 11 Full Stage and Picture
Programme Today, Wed. and Sat.

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Chester Conklin
TAXI 13
OLIVE BORDEN
"Come to My House"
PLAYHOUSE

SPECIAL HOLIDAY BILL
"The Golden Snare"
From the Novel by
James Oliver Curwood
Starring Lewis Stone and
Wallace Beery

COMEDY NEWS
COLUMBIA

Parliament of Japan
To Open Wednesday

TOKIO, Dec. 24.—Both Houses of
the first National Parliament elect-
ed under the general manhood suf-
frage law, held opening sessions this
morning to organize for their first
regular sessions. While this is the
fifty-sixth session since the Imperial
Diet was established in 1890, it is
the first chosen under the act of
1925, which gave the vote to all male
Japanese twenty-five years of age or
older. Tomorrow will be a holiday, not
because it is Christmas, but because
it is the second anniversary of the
death of Emperor Yoshihito. The
formal opening ceremonies, with
Emperor Hirohito present, will take
place on Wednesday, but there will
follow a long recess for the New
Year holidays.

It will therefore probably be about
January 20 before the Diet begins
serious consideration of the problems
of domestic taxation and relations
of the empire with China. The Na-
tional Government in the House of
Representatives is so slight that
the life of the Cabinet of Pre-
mier Baron Tanaka may not be long.

Regimental Orders
11th Machine Gun Bn., C.M.G.C.
Battalion orders by Lieut.-Col. C.
E. Hall, officer commanding.
Part I.—The commanding officer
extends to the officers, warrant of-
ficers, noncommissioned officers and
men of the 11th Machine Gun Bat-
talion, Canadian Machine Gun
Corps, his heartiest wishes for a
happy Christmas and a prosperous
New Year.

Part II.—Promotion: The com-
manding officer is pleased to ap-
prove the following promotion: To
be corporal, No. 714, Pte. G. Miles,
No. 3 Company, with effect from
November 27, 1928.
R. H. W. CLOWES,
Captain.
For officer commanding 11th M.G.
Battalion, C.M.G.C.
"Man is the oak and woman the
climbing vine."
"It's tough when a girl has only
a poor stick to cling to."

Children's Colds
Checked without
"dosing." Rub on
VICKS

MARINE and TRANSPORTATION

Flying Records to Be Broken by Fast Planes Now Being Tested Out

By JOSEPH A. HICKERTON

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WASHINGTON, Dec. 24.—The coming year will be marked by a number of attempts by American flyers to shatter existing airplane records in the various recognized classes, according to plans which now have passed the stage of mere rumor. The first of these attempts will be made by the United States Army soon after New Year's Day, with the refueling-in-flight endurance and distance records as goals.

The army plane, a tri-motored Fokker, is to be fueled in flight, and the projected flight will be in competition with the proposed refueling endurance flight by an of ground pick-up method, to be made at Roosevelt Field by L. V. Rawlings, John Donaldson and Don Brown.

Packard engineers are working on a new racing motor which is to be flown in the coming Schneider classic. The National Aeronautic Association has sanctioned a new series of cross-country races next spring for \$100,000 cash prizes and a cup offered by Robert E. Gardner, of St. Louis. At least, one new all-Canadian effort is certain to be made.

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ADELAIDE IS TOWED INTO THE DRYDOCK

Canadian Pacific Steamer Bears Many Signs of Collision With Ss. Hampholm on Wednesday Morning

ONE MONTH'S WORK TO REPAIR VESSEL

Bearing many visible signs of her collision with the Norwegian freighter Hampholm on Wednesday morning, the Canadian Pacific steamer Princess Adelaide was placed in the new Esquimalt drydock at 4 o'clock on Sunday afternoon.

Where the Hampholm crashed into her side there is a huge gash fifteen feet in width, extending from the bow deck to well under the water line. The ship was drawing fifteen feet of water at the stern when she was drydocked and appeared to be taking on no water.

To keep the water out, large canvas and wooden patches were secured over the tear. Tarpuin was stretched over part of the main deck, around what had once been two staterooms. Although the bow deck where the steel work tore through, was a mass of twisted steel and splintered wood, a lifeboat above was undamaged, save that the two davits were torn aside and badly twisted.

The side of the Adelaide appeared to have been literally pushed in and the stern saucer by the terrific force of the collision. Bad damage was, it is a wonder that more plates were not cut through.

The two staterooms in which Thomas McLaughlin, purser, sustained a badly torn scalp, and Charles Haines five fractured ribs, are literally demolished.

Repairs to the Adelaide will cost \$38,750, and Yarnall expects to have her back in the water about January 24. The Burrard Drydock Company, of North Vancouver, are repairing the Hampholm at a cost of \$21,000.

SANTA CLAUS IS EVEN ON LINERS

Children on Andania and Penland Given Treat When Nearing Halifax

HALIFAX, Dec. 24.—Coming into Halifax harbor just after midnight on Saturday the Cunard liner Andania, from Liverpool, was welcomed by the pilot and by an old gentleman with a sackful of presents from the Cunard Line to the many youngsters on the passenger list. Santa Claus took up his position by a huge Christmas tree which had been placed in the saloon, and the youngsters had the time of their lives while the ship was docking. The Andania landed 102 passengers and 450 tons of cargo at Halifax before sailing for New York.

When the Red Star liner Penland arrived off Halifax harbor on Saturday afternoon, Santa Claus, with regulation costume, whiskers and a bulging sack, climbed aboard and presented each young passenger with a pleasing gift, on behalf of the Red Star Line. The Penland, from Antwerp via Southampton and Cherbourg, landed seventy-six passengers and 238 tons of cargo at Halifax. Among those disembarking were Mrs. Mary Anne Read, Winnipeg; Miss Mary Specht, Montreal; Miss Henriette J. Welling, Vancouver; and Mrs. Nantjala Telochko, Calgary.

Kaga Maru Coming

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha liner Kaga Maru is due at William Head quarantine station from Japan at 8 o'clock this evening, according to word received by Mr. A. H. Hebb, agent. She should arrive at Rithet pier about 9:30 o'clock.

For this port there is 130 tons of cargo, including ninety-two packages of raw silk, and four third-class passengers.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

Mariners are notified that it is reported the light on Comox Bar Buoy, Strait of Georgia, is not burning. This light will be attended to as soon as possible.

A. W. R. WILBY,
Agent, Marine Department.

Coastal Sailings Out of B.C. Ports

COASTWISE SAILINGS

For Vancouver

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 5:15 p.m.

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 11:45 a.m.

For Seattle

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 7 a.m.

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 3:30 p.m.

For San Francisco

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 10:15 a.m.

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 4:30 p.m.

For West Coast Ports

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 1:15 p.m.

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 7:15 p.m.

For Victoria

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 10:15 a.m.

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 4:30 p.m.

For Nanaimo

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 10:15 a.m.

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 4:30 p.m.

For Courtenay

C.P.R. steamer leaves daily at 10:15 a.m.

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For Cumberland

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Adelaide Damage Pictured

ON OTHER SIDE

EMPRERSS LINER WILL MAKE SEVERAL TRIPS ON ATLANTIC TO TEST ENGINES

France Will Likely Maintain Service Out of Victoria Well Into Next Winter

Atlantic travelers will likely have an opportunity of coming from England to Canada next summer on the Empress of Canada, which arrived in Plymouth yesterday, en route to Glasgow to be re-engined.

The Canada will be completed during August, and before proceeding to Victoria to resume service to Yokohama, Shanghai and Hong Kong, will make several voyages across the Atlantic to test out her new engines, according to Canadian Pacific officials.

It was also explained that there would be little profit in sending a liner out to India, the Strait Settlements and Hong Kong, via the Suez Canal, during the month of September, when the volume of traffic is low. For the same reason, it would not be wise to have the Empress of France, now replacing the Empress of Canada in the Pacific service, return during the month of October or November.

When the Empress of Canada has been fitted with new engines, she will be enabled to make a speed of twenty-one knots, which should give her a decided advantage on the Pacific over any of her fellow craft.

The new Empress of Japan, which is being laid down in the yards of the Fairfield Shipbuilding & Engineering Company, Limited, will also be capable of a speed of twenty-one knots across the Pacific.

These two liners, with the Empress of Russia and Empress of Asia, will maintain the trans-Pacific service of the C.P.R. They will resemble one another in general design, though the new Empress is to be an improved Empress of Canada, the respective sizes of each being 25,000 gross tons and 21,500 gross tons. The Empress of Russia and Empress of Asia are 16,000 and 16,900 gross tons, respectively.

Ocean and Coastwise Movements

VESSEL MOVEMENTS

SEATTLE, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Pacific

HONOLULU, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Pacific

PORTLAND, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Pacific

VICTORIA, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Pacific

NANAIMO, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Pacific

COURTENAY, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Pacific

CUMBERLAND, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Pacific

PORT ALBERNI, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Pacific

PORT MUDGE, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Pacific

PORT HARDY, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Pacific

PORT BOWEN, Dec. 24.—Arrived: Pacific

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Human Psychology May Tempt Jack Back Inside Ropes

Trumbull Tells of Angle Given to Him by Observer—Says Dempsey May Kid Himself to Believe He Is as Good as Ever

By WALTER TRUMBULL
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Gene Tunney telephoned to his friend, Bernard F. Gimbel, from Paris. Gene said that he is well, that he is happy and that he will spend Christmas on the island of Brioni. Mr. Tunney also told Mr. Gimbel that he had not taken on any weight.

This matter of weight had no reference to a return to the ring. There is just as much chance of Tunney's doing any more professional boxing as there is of the Grand Lama of Tibet playing professional golf. Gene liked the fight game as well as he did cigars, and cigars made him tick. Whatever he may accomplish in the rest of his life, and it should be considerable, Tunney will accomplish along lines far removed from the padded mitts.

I have thought consistently that Dempsey, too, was through with the fight business, and still think so; but a keen observer and close follower of boxing recently gave me an interesting angle on the thing. He says that what will draw Jack inside the ropes again is something stronger than arguments or money. He calls it human psychology.

His idea is that a man believes what he wants to believe—that he "tells himself"—and it is only human to wish to believe that you are as good as thirty-five as you were at twenty-five.

This man's idea is that Dempsey never has the idea of regaining the heavyweight title out of his subconscious mind, and that it frequently is in his conscious mind. He thinks that Dempsey says to himself, "It would be a great thing to do," and remembers that, "no man has ever done it."

If Dempsey fights again, this man thinks it would be as much for the title as for any sum of money, however large. He thinks that Jack will go down to Florida to visit Rickard, that he will get a fine healthy tan, and that everyone will begin to tell him that he looks as well as ever. He thinks that they finally will sell the idea to Dempsey and that he will sell it to himself. He believes that Dempsey will say to himself, "Tunney has retired, leaving no heavyweight who stands out. The memory of how he was in the Tunney battles and how tired his legs were at the end of them will, so this man claims, fade until he persuades himself that he wasn't really much cut or very tired."

He thinks that Dempsey will then put most of the past out of his mind except that fact that he beat Sharkey and had Tunney on the floor fourteen seconds. He thinks that Jack will say to himself, "I'm fast enough for these palookas."

ELIMINATIONS MAY DECIDE

My psychological friend thinks that this is even more likely to happen if a couple of the contenders put up a bad elimination contest, as very well may do. In that case, this man believes that Dempsey's return is sure. He says Jack will take himself into a corner and say: "Nobody ever hurt you much, old boy, and these bums can't hurt you. You have one more fight left in you, maybe more, but one is all you need. Just one to win that old crown back, that's all. Then you

can retire right. If folks make a fuss over you now, what kind of a fuss will they make over you when that old crown is in the hatbox again? Yes, sir, just one more fight—and then you're through."

We can't agree with all this, but we can see the argument and it is interesting. It certainly is true that Dempsey will have to be above both being kidded and above kidding himself to stay out of the ring.

And kidding yourself is the pleasant occupation on earth—until the bomb explodes.

COUGARS STOP N.Y. AMERICANS

Detroit Send Gotham Crew Down to 2-0 Defeat—New Defenderman Is Hero of Game

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—With Bill Brydges, former Detroit Olympic star, performing brilliantly, Detroit Cougars beat New York Americans 2-0 before a crowd of 12,000 in a National Hockey League fixture at Madison Square Garden last night. The Detroiters uncovered a powerful scoring punch in the third period after being held even throughout the first forty minutes. Brydges paved the way for the first goal in the final period. His shot rebounded from the boards and Carson Cooper, speedy wing, came tearing in to beat Worters in the rebound.

A pass from Brophy, from behind the net, enabled Herberts to score the second goal, seven minutes later.

Line-Ups
Americans Position Cougars
Worters Goal... Dusen
Stieglitz Defense... Noble
Conger Defense... Brydges
Broadbent Wing... Connors
Sheppard Wing... Connors
Hines Sub... Brophy
Connors Sub... Horberis
McVeigh Sub... Ray
Spring Sub... Traub
Dye Sub... Summary

First period—No score.
Second period—No score.
Third period—1, Detroit, Cooper, 2:54; 2, Detroit, Herberts, 9:13.

To Hold Invitation Golf Tournament at Uplands Thursday

An invitation golf tournament will be held at the Uplands Golf Club, Thursday morning, with starting times from the first and tenth tees between 9 and 10 o'clock. The competition will be over eighteen holes of medal play, and full handicap will be allowed. The entrance fee will be fifty cents.

H. A. Ismay Joins Hole-in-One Club At Macaulay Point

H. A. Ismay joined the Hole-in-One Club recently, when he holed out his tee shot on the ninth hole at the Macaulay Golf Club. Ismay scored his "dodo" while playing with E. D. Freeman, S. J. White and Arthur Little. The hole is 148 yards.

PANTAGES' HORSE WINS BY LENGTH

Showman's Horse Displays Great Courage in Beating Off Rip Rap in Tijuana Feature

(Special to The Colonist)

Tijuana, Dec. 23.—The principle number of a good card at the Strand Handicap of a mile and seventy yards, drew out a field of nine of the season's hottest sprinters to go over a mile and seventy yards of fast track. Every race on the new "hot" track had been won by the "beat the heat," was the slogan of the trainers as the bunch went to the starting gate. And the close of this racing chapter will be the accomplishment of the well wishers' prayer.

Alexander Pantages and Rip Rap fought out the finish all the way down the stretch, Allen displaying superior driving ability on Alexander Pantages. Allen booted the showman's brown three-year-old colt home a length to the good, in the very fast time of 1:43 5-5.

The next to the principal number on the card was the three-year-old chestnut colt Eddie Ahern, who beat the Cabrillo Handicap, defeating another almost twin-like looking colt, Nussakan, by a scant head. Elmer H., which the form figures had selected as second choice, here from Saratoga and laid so heavily on his chances that he was "odds on" at post time. Eddie Ahern was away first and never headed.

Favorites took an even share of the races. Only one unexpected figure went up, that of \$19.20 on Elmer H., which the form figures had selected as second choice.

Results follow:
First race—Six furlongs:
No Effort (Lombard) 1:40 3/4 2:00
Burr Window (Wood) 9:20 3:40
Time 1:12 3/4
Second race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Bird Brave, Oie E. Frank Light, Shasta Rock, Big Heart, Scratched: Burke.
Time 1:12 3/4
Third race—Six furlongs:
Waikiki (Flynn) 1:16 4/5 1:20 3/4 1:40
Ald John (Flynn) 5:30 3:40
Vigor (Cooler) 5:30 3:40
Time 1:12 3/4
Fourth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Jean Wessel (Dunlop) 1:22 1/2 1:30 3/4
Valley Joe (Kern) 4:20 3:40
Time 1:12 3/4
Fifth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Patty Queen, Battle On, Marnell, Scratched: Pennington, Wattle Arch, Wackhorn, Esther Widel, Staines.
Time 1:12 3/4
Sixth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Taddys (Dunlop) 1:20 3/4 1:30 3/4
Ledy Vava (Myers) 4:00
Time 1:12 3/4
Seventh race—Five and one-half furlongs:
War Horse, Hit the Deck.
Time 1:12 3/4
Eighth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Cabrillo Handicap:
Kiddie Ahern (Flynn) 1:16 4/5 1:20 3/4 1:40
Nussakan (Flynn) 5:30 3:40
Time 1:12 3/4
Ninth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
The Tattler (Kern) 4:00
Time 1:12 3/4
Tenth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Taddys (Dunlop) 1:20 3/4 1:30 3/4
Ledy Vava (Myers) 4:00
Time 1:12 3/4
Eleventh race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Bird Brave, Oie E. Frank Light, Shasta Rock, Big Heart, Scratched: Burke.
Time 1:12 3/4
Twelfth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Waikiki (Flynn) 1:16 4/5 1:20 3/4 1:40
Ald John (Flynn) 5:30 3:40
Vigor (Cooler) 5:30 3:40
Time 1:12 3/4
Thirteenth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Jean Wessel (Dunlop) 1:22 1/2 1:30 3/4
Valley Joe (Kern) 4:20 3:40
Time 1:12 3/4
Fourteenth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Patty Queen, Battle On, Marnell, Scratched: Pennington, Wattle Arch, Wackhorn, Esther Widel, Staines.
Time 1:12 3/4
Fifteenth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Taddys (Dunlop) 1:20 3/4 1:30 3/4
Ledy Vava (Myers) 4:00
Time 1:12 3/4
Sixteenth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
War Horse, Hit the Deck.
Time 1:12 3/4
Seventeenth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Cabrillo Handicap:
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Nussakan (Flynn) 5:30 3:40
Time 1:12 3/4
Eighteenth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
The Tattler (Kern) 4:00
Time 1:12 3/4
Nineteenth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Taddys (Dunlop) 1:20 3/4 1:30 3/4
Ledy Vava (Myers) 4:00
Time 1:12 3/4
Twentieth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Bird Brave, Oie E. Frank Light, Shasta Rock, Big Heart, Scratched: Burke.
Time 1:12 3/4
Twenty-first race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Waikiki (Flynn) 1:16 4/5 1:20 3/4 1:40
Ald John (Flynn) 5:30 3:40
Vigor (Cooler) 5:30 3:40
Time 1:12 3/4
Twenty-second race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Jean Wessel (Dunlop) 1:22 1/2 1:30 3/4
Valley Joe (Kern) 4:20 3:40
Time 1:12 3/4
Twenty-third race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Patty Queen, Battle On, Marnell, Scratched: Pennington, Wattle Arch, Wackhorn, Esther Widel, Staines.
Time 1:12 3/4
Twenty-fourth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Taddys (Dunlop) 1:20 3/4 1:30 3/4
Ledy Vava (Myers) 4:00
Time 1:12 3/4
Twenty-fifth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
War Horse, Hit the Deck.
Time 1:12 3/4
Twenty-sixth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Cabrillo Handicap:
Kiddie Ahern (Flynn) 1:16 4/5 1:20 3/4 1:40
Nussakan (Flynn) 5:30 3:40
Time 1:12 3/4
Twenty-seventh race—Five and one-half furlongs:
The Tattler (Kern) 4:00
Time 1:12 3/4
Twenty-eighth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Taddys (Dunlop) 1:20 3/4 1:30 3/4
Ledy Vava (Myers) 4:00
Time 1:12 3/4
Twenty-ninth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Bird Brave, Oie E. Frank Light, Shasta Rock, Big Heart, Scratched: Burke.
Time 1:12 3/4
Thirtieth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Waikiki (Flynn) 1:16 4/5 1:20 3/4 1:40
Ald John (Flynn) 5:30 3:40
Vigor (Cooler) 5:30 3:40
Time 1:12 3/4
Thirty-first race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Jean Wessel (Dunlop) 1:22 1/2 1:30 3/4
Valley Joe (Kern) 4:20 3:40
Time 1:12 3/4
Thirty-second race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Patty Queen, Battle On, Marnell, Scratched: Pennington, Wattle Arch, Wackhorn, Esther Widel, Staines.
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Taddys (Dunlop) 1:20 3/4 1:30 3/4
Ledy Vava (Myers) 4:00
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Thirty-fourth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
War Horse, Hit the Deck.
Time 1:12 3/4
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Cabrillo Handicap:
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Thirty-sixth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
The Tattler (Kern) 4:00
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Sharkey's Anger Is Only Stall for More Publicity

Match With Young Stribling Almost Sure to Be Staged by Tex Rickard at Miami Next Spring, Despite Overtures

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Intricate indeed are the ways of the ballyhoo, smart the ballyhoosers, and hard put the boxing scribes who must separate the "hoo" from the "hoey."

There's many a giggle, too, and the smiles that come with the unmasking are not always on the faces of the newspaper men. Somewhere within the reaches of Manhattan Island lately, James J. Johnston, the dapper rejuvenator of Mike McTigue and 10 per cent manager of Jack Sharkey, is giving vent to throaty chuckles.

Almost everyone in the fight game has had those throaty chuckles wafted his way by Johnston at one time or another. It might be just a "hot foot"—a match deftly inserted, without the knowledge of the victim, in the sole of his shoe and lighted— or it might be a bit of clever make-believe that took in even the old master, Tex Rickard, himself.

This time, however, James J. stepped into Rickard's plans to stage a heavyweight elimination bout between his man Sharkey and Young Stribling. The clothing Georgian, with a publicity hot foot that had even the promoter bounding about the carpet of his luxurious den in Madison Square Garden, though the floor were on fire. It looked as if Miami Beach was to lose the fight.

It was brought to him, more so because he never received the telegram. In heated terms he waived Sharkey out of the eliminations and branded him ungrateful and a greatly overestimated fighter anyway.

Paolino would box Stribling, and again the opportunity to fight for the heavyweight title—this time against Dempsey, the man who knocked him out—would pass Sharkey by. Why, Tex had even talked with Johnny Buckley, the majority manager of Sharkey, the night the telegram was sent, and everything was all right. Buckley promised to come to New York Friday and settle details for the match.

And the scribes, pushing quivering pencils over notepaper at a frantic pace, never missed a word. Here were accusations worthy of investigation by the New York State Athletic Commission. Tex was considering suing Sharkey and his managers. It was great copy and marvelous build-up for a match that is almost certain to take place.

JOHNSTON EXPLAINS
Before Tex went too far, however, he called Jimmy Johnston into conference, and the truth came out. Jimmy takes his 10 per cent of Sharkey seriously. All he had done in the matter was to telephone the telegram from New York to Boston, have Sharkey's name attached to the bottom, and then have the telegram dispatched back to New York addressed to the sports editors of all the metropolitan dailies. Then the boom was on, probably without Sharkey knowing anything about it.

Major Baseball Teams Close Important Trades

1929 Squads in Big Leagues Will Appear Considerably Different From Those of a Year Ago—Minors to Profit

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—It may be that 1929 will become known in baseball circles as the year of the "Big Trade Winds."

The playing season is no more than two months past, yet already some clubs have so radically revised their rosters that a fan may be excused for being a bit bewildered as he sees apparent shuffling of the pieces. Some major league team or minor league team has been shunted off to some other major league team or minor league team.

It has become an annual feature for Rogers Hornsby to go on the market, and Emil Fuchs, of the Boston Braves, did not disappoint a waiting public. He graciously gave the "Rajah" to the Chicago Cubs for Percy Jones. Freddy Maguire, several rookie players and a fat bundle of cash.

Not to be outdone by their National League rivals, the Boston Red Sox have consented to let Washington have Buddy Myer, crack third baseman, for the trifling consideration of five players in place of Myer, who was the Red Sox's best batter last year and the league's leading exponent of the art of stolen bases. Bill Carrigan, manager of the Red Sox, will have to find room for Horace Lister and Milt Gaston, pitchers; Bobby Reeves and Grant Gillis, infielders, and Ed Biegelow, Southern Association outfielder, who courted minor league pitching with abandon.

ROBINS GET WRIGHT
Pittsburgh needed a left-handed pitcher, so the Pirates sent Glenn Wright to the Brooklyn Robins for Jess Petty and Harry Ricordia, the latter an infielder when he's not sitting on the bench.

George Uhle, who has had his ups and downs at Cleveland, will see whether the weather at Detroit is any better for his pitching arm, with Jackie Tavenner and Ken Holway doing their infighting and pitching, as the case may be, for the Indians.

These have been the major deals of the off season, but there have been a number of other changes of more than a little interest. There are a number of clubs who could make use of the pitching of which Plint, Rhem and Vic Aldridge are capable, yet both these right-handers find themselves in the minors. Aldridge, traded to the New York Giants for Burleigh Grimes by Pittsburgh a year ago, has been sold to Tia Speaker's club of the International League. Rhem, a great pitcher in 1926, has been sent to Minneapolis, of the American Association. Both were waived out of the majors chiefly because of a reputation for being hard to handle. Aldridge has a disciplinary record for signing contracts when they are first offered him. It took months of dickering to get him into the Giant fold last year, and he never showed anything like his customary form. After his trade to Pittsburgh by the Cubs in November, 1924, Aldridge was a bit late in signing the contract Barney Dreyfuss offered him.

O'DOUL SHIFTS
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Human Psychology May Tempt Jack Back Inside Ropes

Trumbull Tells of Angle Given to Him by Observer—Says Dempsey May Kid Himself to Believe He Is as Good as Ever

By WALTER TRUMBULL
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Gene Tunney telephoning to his friend, Bernard P. Gimbel, from Paris. Gene said that he is well, that he is happy and that he will spend Christmas on the island of Brioni. Mr. Tunney also told Mr. Gimbel that he had not taken on any weight.

This matter of weight had no reference to a return to the ring. There is just as much chance of Tunney doing any more professional boxing as there is of the Grand Lama of Tibet playing professional golf.

Gene liked the fight game as well as he did cigars, and cigars made him sick. Whatever he may accomplish in the rest of his life, and it should be considerable, Tunney will accomplish along lines far removed from the padded mitts.

I have thought consistently that Dempsey, too, was through with the fight business, and still think so, but a keen observer and close follower of boxing recently gave me an interesting angle on the thing.

He says that what will draw Jack inside the ropes again is something stronger than arguments or money; he calls it human psychology.

His idea is that a man believes what he wants to believe—that he "sells himself"—and that only human to wish to believe that you are as good as thirty-five as you were at twenty-five.

This man's idea is that Dempsey never has the feeling of regaining the heavyweight title out of his subconscious mind, and that it frequently is in his conscious mind. He thinks that Dempsey says to himself, "It would be a great thing to do," and remembers that, "no man has ever done it."

If Dempsey fights again, this man thinks that it would be as much for the title as for any sum of money; however large. He thinks that Jack will go down to Florida to visit Rickard, that he will get a new healthy tan, and that everyone will begin to tell him that he looks as well as ever. He thinks that they finally will sell the idea to Dempsey and that he will sell it to himself.

He believes that Dempsey will say to himself that Tunney has retired, leaving no heavyweight who stands out. He will persuade himself that all the present contenders are a bunch of ham-and-eggheads, and that he could lick them all.

The memory of how he was cut in the Tunney battles and how tired his legs were at the end of them will, so this man claims, fade until he persuades himself that he wasn't really much cut or very tired.

He thinks that Dempsey will then put most of the past out of his mind except that fact that he beat Sharkey and had Tunney on his feet for fourteen seconds. He thinks that Jack will say to himself, "I'm fast enough for these palookas."

ELIMINATIONS MAY DECIDE
My psychological friend thinks that this is even more likely to happen if a couple of the contenders put up a bad elimination contest, as they very well may do. In that case, this man believes that Dempsey's return is sure. He says Jack will take himself into a corner and say:

"Nobody ever hurt you much, old boy, and these bums can't hurt you. You have one more fight left in you, maybe more; but one is all you need. Just one to win that old crown back, that's all. Then you

can retire right. If folks make a fuss over you now, what kind of a fuss will they make over you when that old crown is in the hatbox again? Yes, sir, just one more fight—and then you're through."

We can't agree with all this, but we can see the argument and it is interesting. It certainly is true that Dempsey will have to be above both being kidded and above kidding himself to stay out of the ring.

And kidding yourself is the pleasantest occupation on earth—until the bomb explodes.

COUGARS STOP N.Y. AMERICANS

Detroit Send Gotham Crew Down to 2-0 Defeat—Man Is Hero of Game

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—With Bill Brydges, former Detroit Olympic star, performing brilliantly, Detroit Cougars beat New York Americans 2-0 before a crowd of 12,000 in a National Hockey League fixture at Madison Square Garden last night.

The Detroiters uncovered a powerful scoring punch in the third period after being held even throughout the first forty minutes. Brydges paved the way for the first goal in the final period. His shot rebounded from the boards and Carson Cooper, speedy wing, came tearing in to beat Fortners in the rebound.

A pass from Brydges, from behind the net, enabled Herberts to score the second goal, seven minutes later.

Line-Ups
Americans Position Cougars
Worster Goal Dolsen
Reiser Defence Brydges
Conagher Defence Noble
Broadbent Wing Connors
Sheppard Wing Connors
Hines Sub Brophy
Connors Sub Herberts
McVeigh Sub Ray
Simpson Sub Traub
Spring Sub Dye
Dye Sub

First period—No score.
Second period—No score.
Third period—1. Detroit, Cooper, 2:54; 2. Detroit, Herberts, 9:13.

To Hold Invitation Golf Tournament at Uplands Thursday

An invitation golf tournament will be held at the Uplands Golf Club, Thursday morning, with starting times from the first and tenth tees between 9 and 10 o'clock. The competition will be over eighteen holes of medal play, and full handicap will be allowed. The entrance fee will be fifty cents.

H. A. Ismay Joins Hole-in-One Club at Macauley Point

H. A. Ismay joined the Hole-in-One Club recently, when he holed out his tee shot on the ninth hole at the Macauley Golf Club. Ismay scored his "dodo" while playing with E. D. Freeman, S. J. White and Arthur Little. The hole is 148 yards.

PANTAGES' HORSE WINS BY LENGTH

Showman's Horse Displays Great Courage in Beating Off Big Rap in Tijuana Feature

(Special to The Colonist)
TIJUANA, Dec. 22.—The principal number of a good card at the Cofroth drome today, the Strand Handicap of a mile and seventy yards, drew out a field of nine of the season's finest sprinters to go over a mile and seventy yards of fast track. Every race on the track up to the start of the big event had gone to eastern horses and owners. "Beat the East," was the slogan of the trainers as the bunch went to the starting gate. And the close of this racing chapter witnessed the accomplishment of the well wishers' prayer.

Alexander Pantages and Rip Rap fought out the finish all the way down the stretch, Allen displaying superior driving ability on Alexander Pantages. Allen booted the showman's brown three-year-old colt home a length to the good, in the very fast time of 1:43 1/5.

The next to the principal number on the card saw the three-year-old chestnut colt Eddie Ahearn take the Cabrillo Handicap, defeating another almost equally good colt, Nusanak, by a scant head.

G. A. Cochran brought Nusanak out here from Saratoga and laid so heavily on his chances that he was "odds on" at post time. Eddie Ahearn was away first and never headed.

Flavorites took an even share of the races. Only one unexpected figure went up, that of \$19.20 on Elmer H., which the form figures had selected as second choice.

Results follow:
First race—Six furlongs:
No Effort (Leman) 1:40 3/5 2:40
Burr Winslow (Wood) 2:40
Perishon (Wolf) 2:40
Time, 1:43 1/5. Also ran: Patrician, Rock, Big Heart, Scratched: Bucko.

Second race—Six furlongs:
Waikiki (Ford) 1:40 3/5 2:40
Aik John (Tivett) 2:40 3/5
Vigor (Gosler) 2:40
Time, 1:43 1/5. Also ran: Cup Bear, O'Brien, Laddie Buck, Nodine, Kitz B. Texas, Laddie Buck, Nodine, Kitz B. Texas.

Third race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Jean Wren (Hassall) 1:22 1/5 2:40
Valley Joe (Kerr) 2:40 3/5
Circuit (Hassall) 2:40 3/5
Time, 1:43 1/5. Also ran: Quinine, Rex, Fairy, Quinn, Battle on, Mainstay, Aren, Washburn, Esther, Weider, Starline.

Fourth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Nusanak (Hassall) 1:50 3/5 2:40 3/5
Taddysawa (Dunlap) 2:40 3/5
Lady Vava (Hassall) 2:40 3/5
War Rose, Hit the Deck.

Fifth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Cabrillo Handicap.
Eddie Ahearn (Mann) 1:11 3/5 2:40 3/5
Nusanak (Hassall) 2:40 3/5
The Tartar (Kerr) 2:40 3/5
Time, 1:13 3/5. Also ran: Colonel Drake, Buckeye Belle, Wilmount, Scratched: Wirt O. Bowman.

Sixth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Strand Handicap.
Alexander Pantages (Allen) 1:20 3/5 2:40 3/5
Rip Rap (Hassall) 2:40 3/5
Wirt O. Bowman (Hassall) 2:40 3/5
Time, 1:43 1/5. Also ran: Bob Rooster, Bankari, Betha, Hope, Lonsider, Quick Reckon, Schlar, Scratched: Host.

Seventh race—Clubhouse course:
Richu (Parmales) 1:40 3/5 2:40 3/5
Nix (Trimble) 2:40 3/5
Kit Carson (Dunlap) 2:40 3/5
Time, 1:35 4/5. Also ran: Knockabout, Bill Beth, Hamadan, Bright, Royal Manager, Scratched: Sailor Maid.

Eighth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Elmer H. (Dunlap) 1:12 3/5 2:40 3/5
Browall (Kerr) 2:40 3/5
Highland Prince (Woolf) 2:40 3/5
Time, 1:45 4/5. Also ran: Prince, Hermes, Fred Dubner, Kid o' Kidare, Quick Asset, Rural Cousin, War Hissam.

Ninth race—Five and one-half furlongs:
Weather, clear; track, fast.

"Mortimer's stories of his experiences as an angler remind me strongly of his bank account." "How so?" "Somewhat overdrawn."

Sharkey's Anger Is Only Stall for More Publicity

Match With Young Striking Almost Sure to Be Staged by Tex Rickard at Miami Next Spring, Despite Overtures

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—Intricate indeed are the ways of the ballyhoo, smart the ballyhoosers, and hard put the boxing scribes who must separate the "hoo" from the "hoosy."

There's many a goggle too, and the smiles that come with the unmasking are not always on the faces of the newspaper men. Somewhere within the reaches of Manhattan Island lately, James J. Johnston, the dapper rejuvenator of Mike McGilgus and 10 per cent manager of Jack Sharkey, is giving vent to thirteenth century.

Almost everyone in the fight game has had those throaty chuckles, waited his way by Johnston at one time or another. It might be just a "hot foot"—a match deftly inserted, without the knowledge of the victim, in the sole of his shoe and lighted, or it might be a bit of clever make-believe that took in even the old master, Tex Rickard, himself.

This time, however, James J. stepped into Rickard's plans to stage a heavyweight elimination bout between his man Sharkey and Young Stribling. The clouting Georgian, with a publicity foot that had even the promoter bounding about the carpet of his luxurious den in Madison Square Garden as though the floor were on fire. It looked as if Miami Beach was to see the battle

trub of the season because Sharkey was angry.

The promoter had hardly announced in his usual benign manner that the Boston sailor and the Southern pride were agreeable to the match which he would stage the last week in February when telegrams from Sharkey poured into many sports departments in the city denouncing the tall Texan.

CHARGES AGAINST RICKARD
One telegram accused the promoter of managing Stribling, Paulino Ucedun and Jack Dempsey as well as attempting to buy the managerial rights to Sharkey last year for \$60,000. Tex was a knave and Sharkey could expect no justice boxing Stribling in a Southern community.

Moreover, the telegram represented the gob as willing to fight Stribling in Newark, Philadelphia, Chicago, or way stations far from the Rickard influence.

Texas got real peeved when the word was brought to him, more so because he never received the telegram. In heated terms he waived Sharkey out of the eliminations and branded him ungrateful and a greatly overestimated fighter anyway.

Paulino would box Stribling, and again the opportunity to fight for the heavyweight title—this time against Dempsey, the man who knocked him out—would pass Sharkey by. Why, Tex had even talked with Johnny Buckley, the majority manager of Sharkey, the night the telegram was sent, and everything was all right. Buckley promised to come to New York Friday and settle details for the match.

And the scribes, pushing quivering pencils over notepaper at a frantic pace, never missed a word. Here were accusations worthy of investigation by the New York State Athletic Commission. Tex was considering suing Sharkey and his managers. It was great copy and a marvelous build-up for a match that is almost certain to take place.

JOHNSTON EXPLAINS
Before Tex went too far, however, he called Jimmy Johnston into conference, and the truth came out. Jimmy takes his 10 per cent of Sharkey seriously. All he had done in the matter was to telephone the telegram from New York to Boston, have Sharkey's name attached to the bottom, and then have the telegram dispatched back to New York addressed to the sports editors of all the metropolitan dailies. Then the boom was on, probably without Sharkey knowing anything about it.

Major Baseball Teams Close Important Trades

1929 Squads in Big Leagues Will Appear Considerably Different From Those of a Year Ago—Minors to Profit

NEW YORK, Dec. 24.—It may be that 1929 will become known in baseball circles as the year of the "Big Trade Winds."

The playing season is no more than two months past, yet already some clubs have so radically revised their rosters that a fan may be excused for being a bit bewildered as he sees apparent fixtures shunted off to some other major league team or else into the minors.

It has become an annual feature for Rogers Hornsby to go on the market, and he never showed anything like his customary form. After his trade to Pittsburgh by the Cubs in November, 1924, Aldridge was a bit late in signing the contract Barney Dreyfuss offered him.

O'DOUL SHIFTED
Other changes since the close of the season have seen Lefty O'Doul go to the Philadelphia Nationals, while Freddy Leach, was preparing to put on a Giant uniform. Johnny Neun, of Detroit, slides back to Toledo, and Arnold Stutz, of Brooklyn, to Los Angeles of the Pacific Coast League.

Not to be outdone by their National League rivals, the Boston Red Sox have consented to let Washington have Buddy Myer, crack third baseman, for the trifling consideration of five players, in place of Myer, who was the Red Sox's best batter last year, and the league's leading exponent of the art of stolen bases, Bill Carrigan, manager of the Red Sox, will have to find room for Horace Lisenbee and Mike Gaston, pitchers; Bobby Reeves and Grant Gillis, infielders, and Ed Bigelow, South-eastern Association outfielder, who slouted minor league pitching with abandon.

ROBINSON GET WRIGHT
Pittsburgh needed a left-handed pitcher, so the Pirates sent Glenn Wright to the Brooklyn Robins for Jess Petty and Harry Ricoda, the latter an infielder when he's not sitting on the bench.

George Uhle, who has had his ups and downs at Cleveland, will see whether the weather at Detroit is any better for his pitching arm, with Jackie Tavenner and Ken Holloway doing their infolding and pitching, as the case may be, for the Indians.

These have been the major deals

TRAIL WINS FIRST KOOTENAY ICE TILT FROM ROSSLANDERS

TRAIL, Dec. 24.—In the opening game of the West Kootenay Hockey League here Saturday night, Trail Smoke Eaters, champions of British Columbia, defeated Rossland Miners 3-1. It was a fast, exciting game.

Trail scored in the first period, Rossland evened in the second and Trail got two goals in the last two minutes of the game to win.

Jim put up a grand game against the champions, but could not outlast them.

The Dean of Chester, addressing members of the Girl's Friendly Society, said: "Such violent sport as rowing is unsuitable for girlhood. Too much of an out-of-door."

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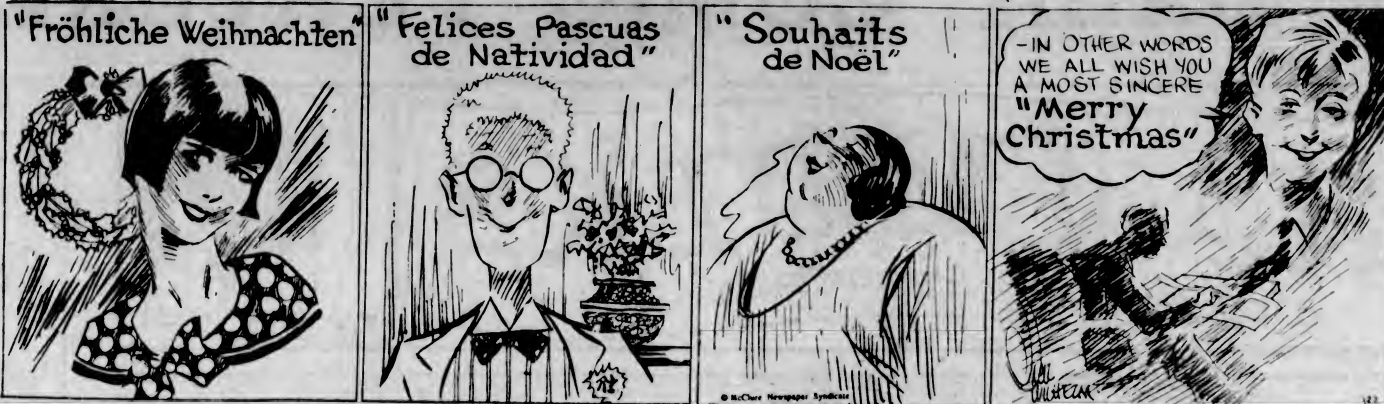
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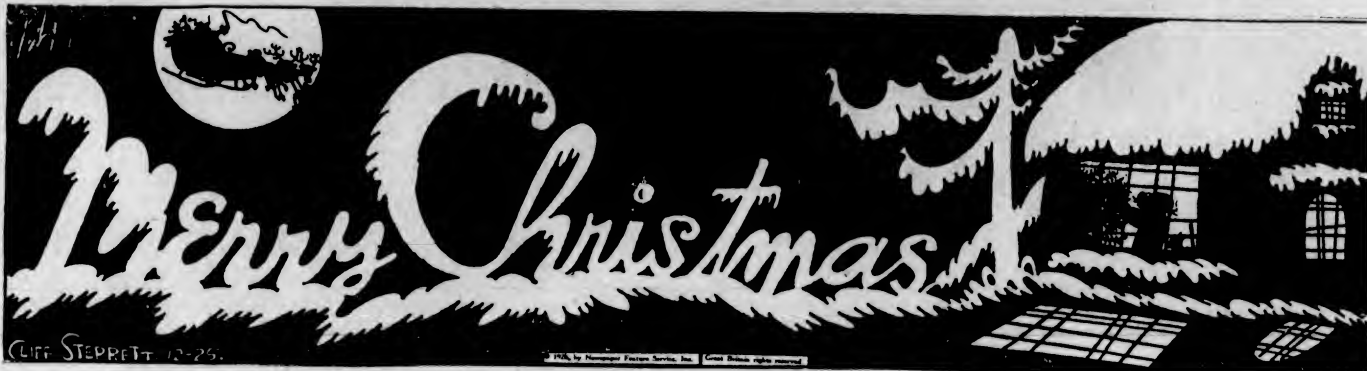


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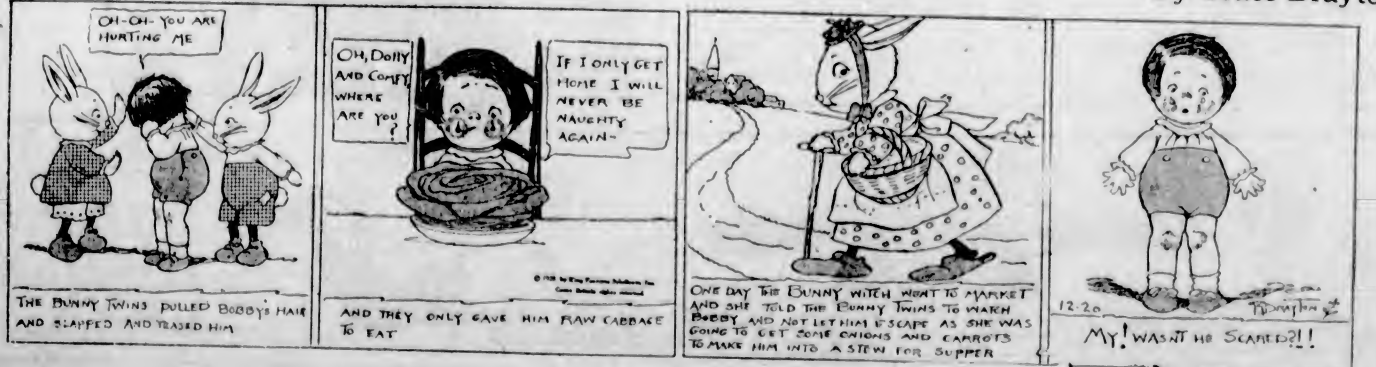
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